

# FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Lesson #5 -Compassion of Jesus  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-38

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Introduction:

1. We can never be like Jesus without compassion for others. -1Jn 4:8
2. Compassion defined: “to be moved as to one’s inwards, to be moved with compassion, to yearn with compassion, is frequently recorded of Christ towards the multitude and towards individual sufferers.” 2) “To suffer with another, to be affected similarly”, -cf. He 4:15 Compassion comes from the depths of man. (ie. “The heart of compassion, bowels of mercy”) (Vine, 210)

Proposition: To be like Jesus, we must have the compassion of Jesus.

Interrogative: How do we cultivate compassion in our hearts?

Transition: We can cultivate compassion in our hearts by looking at...

## **I. THE HEALING OF JESUS**

### **A. SOME EXAMPLES**

1. The two blind men -Mt. 20:29-34
  - a. They had faith that Jesus was able to heal them.
  - b. Their faith was manifested by their persistence
  - c. Jesus was therefore moved with compassion for them.
2. The leper -Mk 1:40-42
  - a. The leper implored Jesus to heal him.
  - b. Jesus was moved with compassion and touched him.
  - c. Lepers were considered unclean. They were isolated -Nu 13:45-ff

### **B. TODAY**

1. While we do not have the power to heal, we can be compassionate towards others.
2. We can let others know we love them and are praying for them.
3. Lepers remained at a distance. We do not want to cause others to feel as alone as the lepers did.

## **II. THE TEACHING OF JESUS**

### **A. JESUS TAUGHT THE MULTITUDES -Mt 9:35-38**

1. Jesus taught the gospel of the kingdom.
2. The multitudes were like “sheep having no shepherd” -They needed spiritual direction.
  - a. They were not receiving proper direction from the current leadership.
  - b. They would add many restrictions to the law -Mt 23:4

## B. MEN TODAY

1. We must not write anyone off from the gospel of Christ.
2. E.g. -Paul with Corinth
  - a. They were given to sexual immorality
  - b. Jesus said, "...I have many people in this city." -Ac 18:10
3. Therefore, we plant the seed; we do not judge the soil.

## III. THE FORGIVENESS OF JESUS

### A. THE CROSS

1. The love of God is demonstrated -Ro 5:6-9
2. Jesus had the heart of forgiveness towards others -Lk 23:34, 43

### B. THE SALVATION

1. Jesus was made like us -Heb. 2:17
2. He is our High Priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses -Heb 4:14-16
3. He is our Advocate -1Jn 2:2
4. He is our Mediator -1Ti 2:5

### Conclusion:

1. Jesus has great compassion on all men today -2Pe 3:9
2. Jesus gives the great invitation -Re 3:20
3. Jesus has done all to make salvation possible. All one has to do is respond.