THE COMPASSION OF JESUS Matthew 9:35-38

INTRODUCTION:

"All around you are the people whose lives are filled with trouble and sorrow, and they need your compassion and encouragement" – (Billy Graham). We must be like Jesus – having compassion for others.

As Christians, we must have the compassion of Christ. We can develop compassion in our hearts by patterning our lives after:

I. THE HEALING OF THE TWO BLIND MEN (Matt 20:29-34)

- A. They had faith that Jesus was able to heal them (v. 30).
- B. As Believers, we do not have the power to heal those who are sin sick. However, we can share the Gospel of Christ with them (Rom 10:9, 13).

II. THE TEACHING OF JESUS (Matt 9:35-38)

- A. Jesus traveled throughout the cities and villages "Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom" (v. 35; John 1:12).
- B. The multitudes were like "sheep having no Shepherd" (v. 36).
- **C.** Christians Today (John 3:16; 1 Cor 3:6; 1 Thess 5:17)

III. THE FORGIVENESS OF CHRIST

- **A. The Cross** (Rom 5:6-9)
- **B.** Jesus had the heart of forgiveness compassion toward others (Luke 23:34, 43; Eph 4:32).
- **C. The Salvation** (Heb 2:17; 1 John 2:1-2)

CONCLUSION:

A. Jesus has a great compassion for all men today.

o "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9).

B. "Love Lifted Me"

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;

He will lift you by His love, Out of the angry waves.

He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;

He your Savior wants to be- Be saved today.

C. Trinity Hymnal

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely forever: One day He's coming—O glorious day!

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).