

GOD'S UNFAILING COMPASSION

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These 3 attributes offered by God, turn the simplicity of mercy, compassion and forgiveness into a powerhouse of opportunity. God's intentions towards us are certainly not hidden or distorted when we have a good understanding of how God works and what his real nature is. Jesus' death and resurrection have opened the door to more blessing than ever.

This was the ultimate expression of compassion, tolerance and patience. where Jesus offered his life on our behalf... and kept offering till the last moment.

LUK 33:34 Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. His care for us was so great that all the things he suffered, didn't prevent him from serving humanity like no other. Despite the fact that he was thanklessly mocked, despite performing thousands of blessings and healings, being lied about, falsely accused, corruptly judged, continuously tortured, abandoned by friends and family (including his best friend), had the Holy Spirit taken from him, and finally was abandoned by God. Despite this, he had the presence of mind to pray for his murders to be forgiven.

These wonderful attributes that Jesus offered were already expressed by Ezekiel around 580 BC.

No delight in the death of the wicked... EZE 33:10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? **11** Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked;** but that the **wicked turn from his way and live:** turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

The Apostles wrote often about these things as well.

Paul also expressed how weak and insipid we were, and how patient and tolerant God has been. ROM 5:6 For when we were yet **without strength** (lacking the ability to save our souls), in due time Christ died for the **ungodly.** **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8** But God commendeth his **love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. *Christ died for us, despite us being in such a selfish, inferior and often hateful state.*

Let's look at some of the expressions of compassion that God reveals to us.

Simple, lost and troubled people. MAT 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with **compassion** (pity and love) on them, because they fainted, and were **scattered abroad** (hopelessly lost), as sheep having no shepherd. **37** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; **38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. *This is where our role becomes apparent... God also needs us to develop these same qualities that he has shown towards us.*

These spiritual abilities come from the anointing of the Spirit... the same anointing and power that Jesus had.

ACT 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the **remission of sins**, and ye shall **receive the gift of the Holy Ghost** (ongoing blessing). **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to **all that are afar off** (both in time and location), even as many as the Lord our God shall call (this promise is to all true Christians... those who are moved by Christ's sacrifice and promises). Anything less than the anointing is worthless.

Further revelation...

A lifetime of blessing, not a once off religious experience. LAM 3:22 It is of the **LORD's mercies** that we are not **consumed** (destroyed), because his **compassions fail not.** **23** They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Every day is full of compassion, tolerance and patience... let's use it effectively.

God is also in the business of saving and restoring the lost and troubled... Compassion, Tolerance, Patience.

God's attitude is further displayed. LUK 15:20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had **compassion, and ran** (God's joy is to see life preserved), and fell on his neck, and kissed him. **&32** It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this **thy brother was dead, and is alive again;** and was **lost, and is found** (this is a reflection of where our attitudes need to head to... life is the victory over death). We don't get much better promises than these... we need to offer them to all.

This is where God's compassions lead us... offer mercy to others just as God has done for us.

We also have a responsibility to offer to others what God offers us. 2COR 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of mercies**, and the God of **all comfort;** **4** Who **comforteth** us in **all our tribulation**, that we may be able to **comfort** (our required service and gratitude for eternal life) them which are in **any trouble**, by the **comfort** wherewith we ourselves are **comforted** of God.

In conclusion... God's compassions never cease for us: therefore, we are expected to learn from this and imitate them the best way we can. Through the power of the Holy Spirit... this is possible.