

Week 8 5 April 2020
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“The Compassion of Christ” Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon Outline

- Motivation - having the right motivation
- Activation - activating your faith
- Restoration - Compassion is restorative

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Small Group Questions / Discussion

The Apostle Paul makes a very clear declaration over the Colossians church which is applicable for us today through Christ. He says we are Chosen, Holy (separated) and dearly loved. Firstly, can you see that these are gifts that He alone has given us? And secondly, do you truly believe, that these are true of YOU? That YOU are chosen? That YOU are Holy? And that YOU are dearly Loved? And can you see that this is not of your own efforts?

Having the right motivation when it comes to the 'action' of our faith comes from the way we have received the gospel in our own lives. Are we working for the acceptance, affirmation and love of God? Or are we working as a result of receiving all of this and more in Christ? What's is your motivation when it comes to...

- Personal Discipleship?
- Corporate Worship?
- Your faith in action?

COMPATI, is a Latin word meaning to suffer with. This is what compassion is. It's more than sympathy and more than empathy, it activates unconditional love and reaches out to the hurting and the broken. Does this mean that we just go and help everyone? If it doesn't mean this, how do you choose who to reach out to?

Jesus walked up to one man at the pool of Bethesda, yet many were there suffering. Can you think of a reason why He would do that?

The apostle Paul states that the mystery of our Faith is, 'Christ in me the hope of glory'. What does He mean by this? What does this look like in our daily lives?

Pray that God might continue to open our hearts to His unconditional love, that we would become responders to His heart.

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