

God chose a variety of people to fulfill His plan before the Messiah's Second Coming. Believe it or not, that plan includes you and me!

*So, as those who have been chosen of God,
holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...*

Colossians 3:12

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Compassionate

Kind

Humble

Gentle

Patient

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Christ's Compassion

Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

Jesus called His disciples and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they’ve already stayed with me three days and have nothing to eat. I don’t want to send them away hungry, otherwise they might collapse on the way.”

Matthew 15:32

*And the master of that slave felt compassion,
and he released him and forgave him the debt.*

Matthew 18:27

When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34

When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her. He told her, “You can stop crying.”

Luke 7:13 (ISV)

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vulnerable, on the edges.**

Christ's Compassion

Our Compassion

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion...

Philippians 2:1 (NIV)

“since you have tenderness and compassion”

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

Ephesians 4:32 (CSB)

If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him?

1 John 3:17 (CSB)

**The Lord Jesus was compassionate
and as His followers we should be
known for our compassion.**

