

BRANCHES - Compassionate Caring Community

Who We Strive to Be as Believers

Believers in Jesus the Christ
Redeemed, Restored, Reconciled
Ambassadors of Christ for God
New Creations in Christ
Compassionate Caring Community
Humble Disciples serving others
Engaged pilgrims in this world
Sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus

C We are called to be a Compassionate Community of Believers. God in his compassion brought us back into relationship with him and with the family of God. As believers we are to live in community. Within that community we need to demonstrate compassion as Jesus would. However, compassion is not just for those within the community, but it must be expressed and shared with those outside the group. We need to be known by the way we care for each other and others. We bring glory and honor to God when we live and interact in a compassionate manner. We care for the body of believers when we lift them up in compassionate ways. Further we are sent to be compassionate care givers to the broken and hurting of the world.

Scripture to Consider

Acts 2:41-47, Matthew 25: 31-40, Luke 10:25-37

How we think God relate to Us, is often how we relate to Others

We are Called to be a Compassionate, Caring Community.

compassion - com·pas·sion

sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.

empathy - em·pa·thy

the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another

Compassion, Mercy, Tender Love

Womb Love, Nurturing Love

Not Abstract but Emotionally Connected

Hebrew Word: רַחֵם - racham - (raw-kham')

Greek Word: οἰκτιρμός - oiktirmos - (oyk-tir-mos')

Greek Word: σπλαγχνίζομαι - splagchnizomai - (splangkh-nid'-zom-ahee)

Psalm 103:1-18, Luke 7:11-15, Philippians 2:1-4

**God was Compassionate towards us
He Sent His Son Jesus to Show us His Love
He Abides with us in His Spirit**

God was Compassionate towards us

He loved us when we rebelled
He rescued us when we were lost
He saved us when we were doomed
He forgave us when we were guilty
He welcomed us when we were estranged
He prepared a home for us with Him

God was Compassionate towards us

**He Calls us to Be Compassionate
Towards Others
As He was to Us**

Luke 6:27-36 – Galatians 5:22-26

This is not always Easy

God is our Defender and Deliverer - Our Strength is in God's Love - Our Witness is in Our
Compassion

Our Weapons are Love, Mercy, Forgiveness, Compassion, Prayer, and God

We Need to Be a Compassionate, Caring Community