
The Compassion of the Christ II

God chose the poor to be rich in faith

- ❖ **James 2:5-7.** Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

Rich Laodicea

- ❖ **Revelation 3:16-17.** So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

True Compassion

56-0225 - "Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever"

- ❖ Jesus was more compassionate than any person that ever was on earth. The whole fountain of compassion was in Him, and He passed by the lame, halt, blind, and withered. The Bible said He did it. Is that Scripture? Saint John 5, read it for yourself.
- ❖ True compassion: Set God's elect from bondage of denomination.

Don't loose the feeling for the people

63-0623M - "Standing In The Gap"

- ❖ Yeah. Don't lose the feeling of the people. See? You must remember they're not made out of sawdust. They are flesh and blood, human beings and a soul.
- ❖ Missionary rice
- ❖ Laodicea is an object of pity. It's not the people but the system God hates.

Body more important than helping the poor

- ❖ God ordained it that we will have the poor always with us.
- ❖ **Matthew 26:6-11**
- ❖ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For **ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.**

Pray even for those who take advantage of you

❖ **Luke 6:28-29**

- ❖ Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

Be a better Christian

61-1231m - "You Must Be Born Again"

- ❖ [Brother Neville says, "Thank you, Brother Branham. And I enjoy doing something this way, because it is this that helps us to be more Christ-like and spiritual. Sometimes people say, 'I want you to pray for me that I'll be a better Christian.' Well, I'm...I've already prayed for you, now I'm going to show you how to be one. Amen. That's the way to do it, and open up your bowels of compassion. And I also know that, Brother Elliott, he doesn't ask for sympathy because of it, but he is a crippled man, and so...and has been out of work. So we'll just, this morning, open up our hearts and help these folk out. (I believe, here is the offering plates, here. Yes.)—Ed.]