

# The Refreshing Times Jan 2021

## Jesus Our Compassionate High Priest

This month we celebrate love. Unfortunately, our word for love is limited to one word: love. In the greek language there are four words. They are: Phileo, ( Brotherly love), Sorge, (Family love), Eros ( romantic or sexual love) and Agape, ( The God kind of love). The highest form of love is Agape. Christ died for us while we were yet in our sin. God so loved the world He gave His only

Son. Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send Jesus to condemn this world but to save it! While all the other expressions of love have their place in our lives, Jesus is unlimited in His ability to love. We must draw people to Him. The word compassion means to suffer with. The word passion when used as it relates to Christ means to suffer. Jesus showed compassion on others when led by the Holy Spirit. He was moved by compassion to bring a resolution, a cure or a deliverance.. Jesus looked upon the people of Israel with compassion. He looked upon them as sheep not having a shepherd. His compassion moved Him to heal the sick, feed the multitudes, raise the dead, teach the ignorant and ultimately die on the cross. Compassion moved Jesus to do something and bring change. Sympathy is different than compassion. It is more of a feeling of sadness for someone's poor state of affairs. Empathy, understands the plight of another. The person who has empathy has been through something similar as well. Jesus has compassion as well as empathy. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities (weaknesses).

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb 4:13

Jesus knows what we are dealing with. He understands temptation, hunger, ridicule, rejection, persecution, abandonment, verbal abuse, false accusations, death of a loved one and death itself as He died for all of us. Because of this, we

Upcoming for  
February  
*Feb. 7th*  
Communion  
And  
Divine Health  
*Feb. 14th*  
Vision Sunday  
*Feb. 21st*  
Relationship  
Sunday  
*Jan 28th*  
Holy Spirit And  
Fire Sunday  
Feb. 20th  
Men's LIFE  
Group.  
Wednesdays  
Midweek Manna  
via Zoom.7pm  
  
March 31st  
Todd Levin  
  
Tuesdays  
Overcomer  
Prayer via zoom  
10 am

can come boldly to our compassionate Savior expecting empathy and compassion!

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb 4:16

God Loves you and so do we!

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