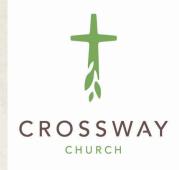
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Message Info

Title:

The Beautiful Heart of Jesus Christ

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Scriptures:

Hebrews 4:14-16

Theme: The compassionate, beautiful heart of Jesus Christ is our refuge for life.

Introduction: In times of great trials and distress, our sorrows can be great and we can be tempted to grow calloused in our souls. The great truths of Scripture can seem disconnected from reality. We may even ask: Jesus, do you love me?

We can find help and hope in Jesus' compassion for sinners, in 3 ways:

1. Confessing His Compassion (14)

He is the great High Priest, able to intercede for sinners. He personally gives us grace.

We are required to "hold fast our confession" in response, trusting in him. John 14:15-17 reminds us that Jesus sent us Another Helper, the Spirit, to be with us in our weakness and struggles.

2. Seeing His Compassion (15)

Christ knows our weakness, but without sin. Therefore, he can sympathize with us. How does he view our weaknesses and struggles? Luke 22:59—he knows the strain of an overwhelming life; Mark 3:1-6—he is angry at injustice in this life; Matt 13:53-58—he has been lonely and isolated in life.

He is able to sympathize with us, and his love for us is fully-informed and sinless.

3. Receiving His Compassion (15)

Instead of burying our sins and weaknesses in shame, we should be eager to draw near to him.

As we draw near, we will "receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 7:25—he saves to the uttermost because he *always* lives to make intercession for his people. He is constant in his love and compassion for us.

Questions:

- 1. Does Jesus love you?
- 2. How does he demonstrate his love for you?
- 3. How does his love sanctify you? How does he encourage you to draw near? Is there any area where you are resistant to do so?

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