

# Conformed to the image of Christ: Christ's Compassion!

- “Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and **compassion**,” (Psalm 103:4)
- Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you **compassion**. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!” (Isaiah 30:18)

## I) The Meaning of “Compassion”:

**A) In OT** - “racham” mercy, tender love. Verb – “to have compassion, be merciful, pity.” Used 125 times in different forms, where God is saying “I will have mercy or show mercy”.

**B) In NT** – “esplanchnisthe” compassion or compassionate. Verb – oikteiro “to have pity, a feeling of distress through the ills of others; splachnizomai “to be moved towards the multitude or individual sufferers”.

**C) Compassion** is not only a strong inward sentiment, but is fully expressed when accompanied by an act of compassion.

## **II) God's "Compassion" according to Psalm 103!**

**A) His compassion is associated with His benefits! (vs. 103:1-5)**

**B) His compassion as opposed to His anger and dealings with our sins!  
(vs. 103:6-12)**

**C) His Compassion is as a father's compassion on his children! (vs.  
103:13-18)**

**D) His compassion is for all who keep His covenant, who remember His  
precepts to do them, who obey Him and do His will! (vs. 19-22)**