



September 21, 2008 • Dr. David Platt  
**THE GOSPEL DEMANDS RADICAL COMPASSION**  
**Matthew 9:35-10:42**

### Two Ingredients of Radical Compassion...

- Supernatural **awareness** of the condition of the lost.
- Sacrificial **obedience** to the commission of Christ.

### The Condition of the Lost...

- See their **size**.
  - ▶ Over **4.5 billion** people (including hundreds of thousands in metro Birmingham) today on a road that leads to eternal hell.
- Feel their **suffering**.
- Realize their **separation**.
  - ▶ 2 Thessalonians 1:7 - "This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power."
  - ▶ Revelation 20:15 - "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

### The Commission of Christ...

- Jesus beckons us to **pray**.
- Jesus summons us to **go**.

Instructions...

- ▶ Go to great **need**.
  - Go to the **diseased**.
  - Go to the dying.
  - Go to the **despised**.
  - Go to the dirty.
  - As you go the needy, you will learn to trust His **provision**.



September 21, 2008 • Dr. David Platt  
**THE GOSPEL DEMANDS RADICAL COMPASSION**  
**Matthew 9:35-10:42**

### Two Ingredients of Radical Compassion...

- Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ of the condition of the lost.
- Sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_ to the commission of Christ.

### The Condition of the Lost...

- See their \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Over \_\_\_\_\_ people (including hundreds of thousands in metro Birmingham) today on a road that leads to eternal hell.
- Feel their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Realize their \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 1:7 - "This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power."
- ▶ Revelation 20:15 - "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

### The Commission of Christ...

- Jesus beckons us to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus summons us to \_\_\_\_\_.

Instructions...

- ▶ Go to great \_\_\_\_\_.
- Go to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Go to the dying.
- Go to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Go to the dirty.
- As you go the needy, you will learn to trust His \_\_\_\_\_.

The Gospel demands we \_\_\_\_\_ people who do not know Christ.  
 our lives for the sake of

**Radical Compassion...**

- ▶ Go to great \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be as \_\_\_\_\_ as sheep.
- Be as \_\_\_\_\_ as snakes.
- Be as \_\_\_\_\_ as doves.
- As you go into danger, you will learn to depend on His \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- The reality we must face...
  - The danger of our lives increases in proportion to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our relationship with Christ.
  - The question we must ask...
    - Do we really want to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ?
- ▶ Fear will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with an eternal perspective.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with a holy boldness.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with reckless abandonment.
- ▶ The Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you sovereignly.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you completely.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you deeply.
- ▶ Confess Him \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Love Him \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Take the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Find the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Take the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Love Him \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Confess Him \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ The Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you sovereignly.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you completely.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you deeply.
- ▶ Fear will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with reckless abandonment.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with a holy boldness.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with an eternal perspective.
- ▶ The Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you sovereignly.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you completely.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you deeply.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- The reality we must face...
  - The danger of our lives increases in proportion to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our relationship with Christ.
  - The question we must ask...
    - Do we really want to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ?
- ▶ Fear will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with an eternal perspective.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with a holy boldness.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with reckless abandonment.
- ▶ The Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you sovereignly.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you completely.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ you deeply.

- ▶ Go to great **danger**.
    - Be as **foolish** as sheep.
  - Be as **smart** as snakes.
    - Be as **pure** as doves.
    - As you go into danger, you will learn to depend on His **power**.
  - ▶ You will be **betrayed**.
  - ▶ You will be **hated**.
  - ▶ You will be **persecuted**.
    - The reality we must face...
      - The danger of our lives increases in proportion to the **depth** of our relationship with Christ.
    - The question we must ask...
      - Do we really want to **be like** Christ?
  - ▶ Fear will **tempt** you.
    - **See** with an eternal perspective.
    - **Speak** with a holy boldness.
    - **Sacrifice** with reckless abandonment.
  - ▶ The Father will **take care of** you.
    - He **rules** you sovereignly.
    - He **knows** you completely.
    - He **loves** you deeply.
  - ▶ Confess Him **publicly**.
  - ▶ Love Him **supremely**.
  - ▶ Take the ultimate **risk**.
  - ▶ Find the ultimate **reward**.
- Radical Compassion...**

The Gospel demands we **sacrifice** our lives for the sake of people who do not know Christ.