

LOVE *without* LOOPHOLES

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Text: Luke 10:25–37

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” (Luke 10:25–37)

INTRODUCTION

1. THE _____ OF ETERNAL LIFE (v. 25)

- A. The _____ behind the Question

Quote: “He is not wanting to satisfy a crying need but to engage in a battle of wits.”—**Dale Ralph Davis**

“Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.” (Matthew 22:15)

- B. The _____ of the Question

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark 8:36)

2. THE _____ OF THE LAW (v. 25–29)

- A. The Law _____ Love

Quote: “Love for people, or the lack of it, reveals the quality and effectiveness of the philosophy we hold. And from a Biblical perspective our love for people is even more revealing, because it actually indicates the authenticity and health of our relationship with God.”—**Kent Hughes**

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar;” (1 John 4:20)

- B. There are no _____ or _____

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” (James 2:10)

Quote: “The lawyer had no problem loving God, because God was ‘nowhere around,’ but people were everywhere. Loving God privately cost him nothing; loving his neighbor would show. So he went looking for a loophole: a limit, a boundary, a minimum. He could love God ‘in the abstract’ but not his neighbor ‘in the concrete.’”—**Adrian Rogers**

“Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts.” (Luke 16:15)

3. THE _____ OF LOVE (v. 30–37)

- A. The _____ of the Samaritan (v. 30–36)

Quote: “The world would be a changed place if every Christian attended to the sorrows that are plain before him.”

—**Alexander Maclaren**

Quote: “I never knew a man refuse to help the poor who failed to give at least one admirable excuse.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**

- Love *Sees*
- Love *Feels*
- Love *Moves Towards the Need*
- Love *Pays the Cost*
- Love *Follows Through*

B. The _____ in Our Efforts (v. 37)

Quote: “The first note of the parable is not: here is what you should do, but: here is what you do not do. The ‘good Samaritan’ does not preach to us our duty but reveals that we have not met that duty. That’s where the gospel begins. Not with the good news but with the bad news. And the good Samaritan is bad news.”—**Dale Ralph Davis**

C. The _____ of Jesus

Quote: “We were by nature more than half dead, twice dead, in trespasses and sins; utterly unable to help ourselves, for we were without strength. The law of Moses, like the priest and Levite, the ministers of the law, looks upon us, but has no compassion on us, gives us no relief; but then comes the blessed Jesus, he has compassion on us, he binds up our bleeding wounds, pours in, not oil and wine, but that which is infinitely more precious, his own blood.”

—**Matthew Henry**

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
(Romans 3:23)*

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” (Romans 5:12)

“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.” (Hebrews 4:15)

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;” (Ephesians 2:1)

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,” (Ephesians 2:4)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:10)

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

CONCLUSION



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