

## "The Building Block of Brotherly Kindness"

*II Peter 1:3-9*

### **Open:** Luke 10:25-29 – *The Question*

- A lawyer asks Jesus a question with the intention of tricking Jesus. **vs. 25** “*What shall I do to inherit eternal life?*”
  - This is not a question of salvation, but rather of sanctification.
  - The word eternal is in reference to a quality of life. (**I Cor. 3:13-15** & **I Tim. 6:19**)
  - The word everlasting is in reference to the quantity of judgement. (**Mt. 25:46** & **John 6:47**)
- Jesus answers this lawyer the same way that Jesus answered Satan in the wilderness. **vs. 26** “*What is written in the law? how readest thou?*”
- The lawyer gives to Jesus the correct answer and Jesus tells him to obey what he knows to be true. **vs. 27-28**
- The lawyer, realizing he was wrong, tries once again to trip up Jesus. **vs. 29** “*...who is my neighbor.*”

### **Tran:** Luke 10:30-35 – *The Quiz*

- A man falls among thieves and is nearly killed. **vs. 30**
- A Priest sees the man and passes by on the other side. **vs. 31**
  - *See = A faint distant recognition of someone or something as a spectator.*
- A Levite comes to where the man is and looks on him, then passes by on the other side. **vs. 32**
  - *Look = A downward sight of someone or something.*
- A Samaritan comes to where the man is and sees his needs, has compassion, and takes action. **vs. 33-35**
  - *See = To perceive, discern, understand. Something visually that stirs me to action*
    - Binds up his wounds.
    - Places him on his donkey.
    - Takes him to a comfortable and safe place.
    - Pays for his expenses.

### **App:** Luke 10:36-37 – *The Command*

- Jesus, in His question, reminds the lawyer and the reader, that being neighborly has nothing to do with social status, religious pedigree, or convenience; but it has everything to do with one’s compassion (brotherly kindness) for one another.
- Jesus commands the lawyer, and the reader, to not just be knowledgeable about the solution; but to put the knowledge one possesses to good use by helping others.

➤ The phrase “*brotherly kindness*” is only mentioned one time in the entire Bible; but it’s principle is paramount to the Christian life.

## I. Our actions towards those we do not know.

- A. All throughout the scriptures **Jesus sets the standard of Christianity by how one treats those in need;** not by how they treat those of means.
- i. As Christians, we are called to live by a higher standard than the carnal man. We are called to rise above fleshly reactions and live by Bible principle. **Mt. 5:43-48**
  - ii. These verses do not teach salvation by works; but it does show us how God will reward His children and how He expects them to live. **Mt. 25:31-46**
- B. **In this parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus was teaching us, that we need to follow His example by being kind and compassionate to everyone, not just to those to who it is convenient.** *"Be Kind to everyone, because everyone is having a tough day."*
- i. Jesus saw that, in order to reach the world, He would have to take the time to touch the life of individuals that He came in contact with.
    - So many read the stories of Jesus healing the multitudes and fail to realize that Jesus reached the multitudes by touching individual lives.
  - ii. Jesus was not so focused on reaching the multitudes that He brushed aside the individual.
    - a) The lady at the well. **John 4:4** *"And he must needs go through Samaria."*
    - b) The leper. **Mt. 8:2-3** *"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. [3] And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."*
    - c) The lame man. **Mt. 9:2** *"And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."*
- C. Jesus was teaching; **Christianity is not a badge that is worn, but rather an action that is performed.**
- a) **Rom. 14:16-19** *"Let not then your good be evil spoken of: [17] For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. [18] For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. [19] Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."*
  - b) **James 2:17-18** *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. [18] Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."*
  - c) **Eph. 4:29-32** *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.[30] And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. [31] Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: [32] And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

## II. Our actions toward those we do know.

A. One of the biggest reasons we don't treat those we know as we should is because we are focused on their faults and not the areas of our life we need to improve. **Mt. 7:3** "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

- God said we need to keep our eyes on our problems, for our biggest problem is not how others treat us, but how we treat those that Christ loves.

i. We are to forgive. - **Matt. 18:21-35**

a) We are to forgive as God forgave us. *God did not forgive us for our sake's, God forgave for the sake of his son (Eph. 4:32).*

b) We are to forgive others not for their benefit, but for the benefit of our relationship with the Heavenly Father.

ii. We are to have patience.

a) Patience = *A willingness to bear misfortune.*

b) Often times people lash out at us because they are hurting.

c) I'm glad that God does not show patience towards me, like I do towards others sometimes.

iii. We are to have mercy. *Giving people things they do not deserve.*

a) Unconditional Love.

b) Unconditional Forgiveness

c) Unconditional Friendship – The most enjoyable friendships are a two-way street, but friendship's do not have to be a two-way street

B. We do not always see the immediate benefits of our treatments toward other people, but there is a promise from God that those who do show brotherly kindness will reap a blessing.

i. **Luke 6:38** "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

ii. **Prov. 18:24** "A Friend that hath friends must show himself friendly: & there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

### **Eph. 4:32**

*"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

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### ***"Review Questions"***

1. How many times is the phrase *brotherly kindness* used in the Bible? **Once.**
2. Jesus sets the standard of Christianity by how we treat others who are in \_\_\_\_\_? **Need.**
3. We are to be kind to all people at all times not just when it is \_\_\_\_\_? **Convenient.**
4. Christianity is not a badge that is worn; but rather it is an \_\_\_\_\_ that is performed. **Action.**
5. The biggest reasons we don't treat others as we should is because we are focused on their \_\_\_\_\_ and not the areas of our own life we need to improve. **Faults.**