

True Disciples Make Good Neighbors

Luke 10:25-37

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Luke 10:27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

1. Our concept of righteousness cannot be based on foolish pride [v.25-29]
 - a. A heavenly inheritance is not based on heritage
 - b. A heavenly inheritance is not based on performance
 - c. A heavenly inheritance is not humanly attainable.
 - d. A heavenly inheritance is based on God's gracious mercy.

2. Our concept of love cannot be based on human measures [v.30-37]
 - a. God's love requirement goes beyond lip service (v.27, 34)
 - b. God's love requirement goes beyond religious rule keeping (v.31-32).
 - c. God's love requirement goes beyond homogenous relationships (v.33).
 - d. God's love requirement goes beyond minimum to maximum extent. (V.34-35).
 - i. He gave him first aid.
 - ii. He gave him further aid.
 - iii. He gave him future aid.
 - e. God's love requirement is beyond capacity and possibility (36-37).
 - i. Good Samaritan love is not of human origin
 - ii. This parable teaches that we cannot attain heaven by personal effort. Our lack of love reveals it.