



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 (NAS)

Topic: The Purpose of Good Works+
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- 25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"
- 27 And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
- 28 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE."
- 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
- 30 Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.
- 31 "And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,
- 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- 35 "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'
- 36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"
- 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

I. THE QUESTION ASKED

- A. It Was A Good Question
- B. It Was Asked For The Wrong Reason
- C. It Was Answered With A Question

II. JESUS' QUESTION POINTS US TO THE LAW

- A. Sola Scriptura
- B. The Law Is Not Abrogated
- C. Man's Teaching Must Not Stand Over Against God's Law

III. THE LAWYER'S ANSWER

- A. It Was A Good Answer
- B. It Was One Which No Mere Man Could Accomplish
- C. The Answer Points Out The Man's Sin

IV. SHARING THE GOSPEL

- A. We Need The Recipient First To Know He Is A Sinner
Matthew 5:48; James 2:10
- B. Only Then Can He Hear His Need For A Savior

V. FINAL QUESTION

- A. It Is An Attempt To Justify
- B. The Gospel Allows Us To Do Good Works *1 John 3:17-18*
 - 1. We are saved for this purpose
 - 2. Love is the fountain of good work
 - 3. Christian love overcomes excuses
 - 4. Love is costly