

17. Which of Paul's exhortations do you find fairly easy to follow? Which ones do you need extra grace to pursue?

**Reflection Questions:** What am I doing to earn eternal life? Why will this never work? Am I like the religious expert who thinks that by doing things I deserve eternal life? What's a proper view of salvation? What opportunities for showing compassion to others do I currently have? What will it cost me? How am I responding? Am I doing anything to show that I truly love my neighbor?

How can we pray for one another this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*Scripture teaches that while works do not produce righteousness, righteousness will produce works.*

Dwight Pentecost

*I would dedicate the nation to the policy of the Good Samaritan.*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

*The subject of obtaining eternal life is the most important subject for men to consider in this life.*

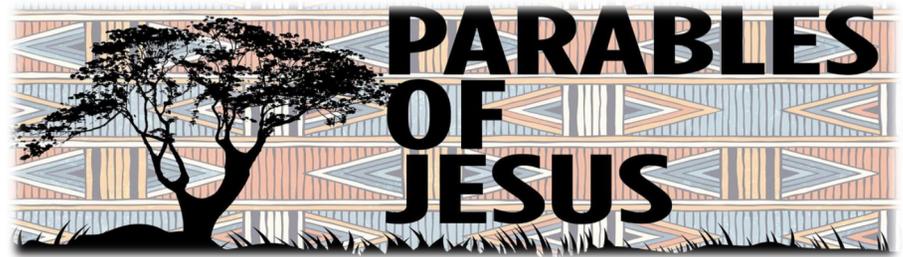
*It is very hard for sinful men to be humble enough to take salvation as a gift. Their fleshly pride causes them to want to earn their salvation.*

*If the lawyer was smart, he would have immediately sought forgiveness from God. The lawyer certainly was not going to gain eternal life through keeping the law, for he failed miserably to love his neighbor rightly. And if you do not love your neighbor, you certainly do not love God.*

John G. Butler

*It...deserves the principal attention of every man, woman, and child on earth. We are all sinners—dying sinners, and sinners going to be judged after death. "How shall our sins be pardoned? Wherewith shall we come before God? How shall we escape the damnation of hell? Whither shall we flee from the wrath to come? What must we do to be saved?" —These are inquiries which people of every rank ought to put to themselves, and never to rest till they find the answer.*

J.C. Ryle



Parable of the Good Samaritan  
Luke 10:25-37

Sermon  
Notes

September 20, 2020

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. What question does the lawyer ask of Jesus and why is this the most important question in life to ask and find the answer to (*Luke 10:25*)?

Based on what Jesus said at other times, what would have been a straight-forward answer to that question?

3. Why doesn't Jesus answer this question at this time? What clue are we given in *Luke 10:25*?
4. How does Jesus respond (*Luke 10:26*)? Is the lawyer's response to Jesus question correct (*Luke 10:27-28*)? Explain.
5. Why does the lawyer not address *loving God* (*Luke 10:29*)?
6. How does Jesus' parable (*Luke 10:30-35*) answer the questions, *What shall I do to inherit eternal life* (*Luke 10:25*)? And, *Who is my neighbor* (*Luke 10:29*)?
7. What standard does this story set for loving our neighbor enough to satisfy God's law?
8. What would be a good response to hearing the story and then being told, *Go and do the same* (*Luke 10:37*)?

9. Read *Matthew 5:43-48*. What standard of behavior does Jesus give here in His Sermon on the Mount?
10. Do you think Jesus actually expects us to take Him at His word and try to do this? Why or why not?
11. What parts of the Samaritan's care for the injured man surprises you most? In what area do you feel he went above and beyond a natural response?
12. When you think about your own inability to do what the law requires, how does that affect you? Do you feel guilt, humility, repentance? Or do you think that no one can live up to that standard and so it is no big deal? Explain.
13. Read *Romans 12:9-13*. Paul here lists some things we should do in response to receiving God's grace and compassion. Why is it important to pursue such actions as a response to grace rather than a way of trying to earn God's approval?
14. Explain in your own words what Paul says in *Romans 12:9a*.
15. Why is helping other Christians an important form of love (*Romans 12:13*)? What might this look like today?
16. What does *Galatians 6:10* tell us? How can we fulfill both of these commands?