

Christian's Responsibility Toward His Fellow Man

Luke 10:25-37

Introduction:

- A. A Christian must not isolate himself from his neighbors in the world.
 - 1. Must be "salt" and "light" to him (Matt. 5:13,14)
 - 2. Must associate or go out of world. (cf. 1 Cor. 5:9,10)
- B. A Christian has three basic responsibilities to his fellow man.

Discussion:

I. Love Him. (Lk. 10:27)

- A. Love in deed . (Lk. 10:30-37; cf. 1 John 3:18).
- B. Love even enemies. (Luke 6:27-35).
- C. "Love" is not always synonym for "like".
 - 1. *Philo* - *Phileo* is emotional, fraternal or sentimental love. A close friendship.
 - 2. *Agape* - *Agapeo* is love is a social and moral sense. (Strong). A moral commitment. Active good will.

II. Bear His Burdens. (Gal. 6:1-10)

- A. Guilt Burdens. (v. 1)
- B. Financial Burdens.
 - 1. Each has responsibility to provide for self and his own. (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).
 - 2. But, sometimes burden too heavy for self - need help. (Eph. 4:28).
- C. Physical and Emotional Burdens.
 - 1. Sickness. (Matt. 25:43; Jas. 5:14,15).
 - a. Avoid tiring visits.
 - b. Avoid discouraging words.
 - 2. Bereavement. (Rom. 12:15 cf. Jesus came to Lazarus).
 - 3. Other misfortunes: Persecution, job loss, etc
- D. Responsibility Burdens.
 - 1. The burdens of parenthood. (Eph. 6:4)
 - 2. The burdens of youth. (cf. 2 Tim. 2:22)
 - 3. The Burdens of leadership.
 - a. Civil.
 - b. Civic.
 - c. Spiritual (cf. Jas. 3:1,3; Heb. 13:17).
 - d. Do we lighten or add to these burdens of our fellow man.

III. Seek His Salvation (Luke 19:10).

- A. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. (John 4)
- B. Paul's attitude and example. (Rom. 1:13-16; 9:3; 10:1-3).
- C. Involves appropriate measures.
 - 1. To convert aliens. (Mark 16:15,16).
 - 2. To convert backsliders. (Jas. 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1).

Conclusion:

- A. Let us love, help, and save all of our fellowmen possible.
- B. We must truly be salt and light to our fellow man while we live in this world.