

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses
of glory*

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The Kingdom of Love Luke 10:25-42

Review

Luke has already clearly established that salvation comes through faith in Jesus.

Luke 5:20 And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

Luke 7:48 And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" **50** And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Kingdom living manifests externally through love of people and internally through love of God (vv. 25-28)

Luke 10:25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" **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."

1. Love of neighbor is a life of outward self-sacrifice to all people. (vv. 29-37)

Luke 10:29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

2. Love of God is an inward preoccupation with God's revelation through Jesus. (vv. 38-42)

Luke 10:38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

1 Pet. 2:2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk (of the word), that by it you may grow up into salvation—

2 Cor. 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Reflection/Discussion

1. If you haven't already, memorize 2 Cor. 3:18. Our ability to love others increases as our depth of relationship with Jesus increases. In what ways can you draw closer to Jesus this week? Mary exemplifies a focused and attentive devotion to Jesus and his words. How can you follow her example this week in your life?
2. Take some time to evaluate your heart towards others. Identify those who are easy to write off or that you avoid. How does the example of Jesus – in his love for others – motivate growth in this area?

"Jesus' call for love of God has its best commentary in Jesus' own passion for God, his intimacy with God, and his fidelity to God; just as his call for love of neighbor has its best commentary in the life of this friend of tax collectors and sinners, who saw the service of others as his sacred calling." – Word Biblical Commentary

SONGS

"EVERLASTING GOD"

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

"O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)"

"GOODNESS OF GOD"

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