An Observable Witness Part 1

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Theme: Our witness must be observable, spoken, and demonstrated.

Introduction

Jesus teaches that an effective witness is what we say, and it is what people can see in the way we live.

The Question that demands an Answer – 3 Factor Points of Consideration

1. Our witness is shaped by our story. Yet our answer is expressed not only in what we say, but also in how we live.

"The greatest way to witness is through the life you live. Let the radiance of your Christian life be such that it will make others ask questions about your faith."

Billy Graham

Luke 10:25-28 ESV

Deuteronomy 6:5

Leviticus 19:18

1 Peter 3:15
Believers are instructed to be prepared to give an answer concerning the hope within us, while doing so with gentleness and respect.

2. The deeper the question, the greater the search.

Luke 10:29-30

Genesis 2:16-17

The movement presented here, from the Garden of Eden (Adam and Eve's Fall) to the roadside, reminds us of humanity's fallen condition:

- Adam and Eve were created in fellowship with God.
- Sin brought separation.
- Humanity became wounded by sin.
- We cannot rescue ourselves from our condition.

3. The world is watching to see whether what we profess is visible in how we live.

Luke 10:31-32 ESV

Romans 3:19–20
Paul explains that the Law exposes sin and brings accountability before God; it does not provide justification through works of the Law.

Romans 5:20
The Law makes trespass recognizable and magnifies the reality of sin, while grace abounds even more.

Galatians 3:19
Paul explains that the Law was added because of transgressions and served a purpose within God's redemptive plan.

Jesus Christ broke the curse of the Fall!