The Gospel of Luke: Love Your Neighbor

1. What Shall <u>I</u> Do to Inherit Eternal Life? (vs.25-28)
A. Jesus came to seek and save the (Lk19:10)
1. Here again, we see Jesus confronting one's sin, in order for him to be saved
*Nicodemus, woman at the well, rich young ruler, loveless lawyer (vs.25)
2. All the parables are salvation stories (Mk4:13) *so is the story of the Good Samaritan (vs.25!
3. The Good Sam. Story is not about social justice nor random acts of kindness, but salvation!
B. The Light of the — the lawyer believed he loved God and neighbor and was good; vs.29
1. Ex. Pulling back the curtains and dust; RYruler also thought he was good w/ God
2. Rom3:19-20; Gal.3:10-13,22-24; Ja2:10-11
3. Jesus here goes to Law to pull back the curtain: if you love God, you will love people, even
your enemy; if you don't love your enemy, you don't love God
*Lev19:18; Prov25:21(Rom12:20); Lev18:5= Matt5:43-48
2. Love God; Love Your Neighbor (vs.29-37)
A. Who is my neighbor? (vs.29)
1. He thinks he loves God perfectly and is good w/God, so he skips to loving my neighbor
2. BUT, the Jews hated the Samaritans – <i>see John8:48</i>
3. Jesus tells him plainly through the parable/story – your neighbor is even your
B. How does Jesus say we are to love our neighbor? (what does this mean?
1. The Priest and the Levite were very religious, saw the need, but had no compassion – lost *they knew God's Word – <i>Ex23:4,5; Lev19:34; Ps37:21; Micah6:8</i> = <i>BUTJa1:22-23</i>
2. The Samaritan gave put aside his plans, put on his donkey, went to inn,
stayed night caring for him, vs.35 (the next day)
3. The Samaritan gave his own clothes/bandages, oil and wine for wounds,
gives innkeeper a blank check to care for him! (vs.35); 2 denari could stay for 2 months!
4. Jesus' point: Samaritan gave continually and lavishly/above, beyond on this stranger/enemy!
*And this is what the 2 nd great commandment looks like
C. Do You Love God? Look at how you love your neighbor/enemy?
1. No one can love like this <i>continually</i> without Christ and His power – good deeds won't save
2. Evidence that you God is that you love your neighbor/people (1Jn4:10-11,19-21)
3. Evidence that you God is that you love your brother, neighbor, people (1Jn3:10; 4:7,8
*Jesus has already said this in Lk6:27-35
4. Do you love people, even your enemies? What does your life SHOW? **1John3:16-18