

The Gospel of Luke: Are You Really in God's Kingdom? Part2

1. Actions of True Christians (vs.27-28) *Eph5:1-2; Lk6:27 – those who “hear”...

- A. Love your _____ – this was immoral and evil to Jews in Jesus' day...
1. Matt5:43-44 – Pharisees taught to hate those not like you, they were enemies
 2. Cultural Judaism, was a sin to save Gentile from drowning!
 3. Where did the Jews get this? From OT where God destroyed nations, prophets called fire
 4. But God said vengeance is MINE, not yours! Israel was God's sword, but Jesus came to save!
***Deut.32:35; Rom12:17-21; Job31:29; Lev19:18; Who is my neighbor???**
 5. Consider our racial and ethnic issues, other religions, sexually immoral, politics, small town
- B. Do _____ to those who hate you – do what has lasting goodness for them
1. What do I do that to those who hate me that will open a door for the gospel?
 2. This is loving them, not condoning their evil, hatred, etc. but seeking their salvation
- C. Bless those who _____ you – we don't revile or attack, we bless
1. We speak what will bless them – the whole gospel is the greatest blessing we can ever speak
 2. Love does **NOT** mean we by-pass justice; or condone sin, approve wrong things!
 3. Love means we confront sin that will send them to hell! Jesus did! ***Luke6:20-26**
 4. The gospel warns the wicked of the terrible Day of the Lord coming! This is love!
- D. Pray for those who _____ you – consider Jesus on the cross, Stephen being stoned
1. Paul – **Rom9:3; 10:1** – we pray for their salvation, for God to rescue them
 2. Sinners, vs.32 – the wicked, people outside of God's kingdom

2. Reactions of True Christians (vs.29-38)

- A. The supernatural love of Christ in His people _____ the gospel
1. They will see we are sons of the Most High God ***John15:17-19; John13:34,35; Luke6:35**
 2. **When pressed, what comes out?**
- B. Hits you on the _____ – **not** a doormat, speaks of being thrown out of the synagogue
***39 lashes on bare back; then would slap your face to dishonor, humiliate, did this to Jesus**
- C. Takes away your _____ – also was done being thrown out of synagogue, this was key piece of clothing
***had one outer cloak, would sleep in too; they took this from Jesus at cross and gambled for it**
- D. Give to those in _____, or those who steal from you, don't demand it back
***when someone takes advantage of your generosity, or steals your possessions = love them**
- E. Treat others how you want to be treated...**(vs.31-38)**
1. **vs.31**, universally used don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you, selfish; Jesus – regardless, even if you harm me, I will love you anyway, like I would want you to love me.
 2. sinners do good, so good is done to them; “Karma” they say; they lend to _____ one to lend to them – we love expecting nothing to be done in return for us, unconditional free love
 3. merciful – I withhold what you _____, as the Father **(vs.36)**
 4. judge – not withholding the law of justice; but being _____, hard, compassionless to enemies
 5. condemn – pronounce damnation on them; write them off and don't pray or try to reach them
 6. Give – love, mercy, forgiveness, kindness; they (sinners) will give back to you...***transformed!**

3. Foundation of True Christian Love (vs.39-49)

- A. Beware of _____ guides! **(2Peter2:1-3)**
1. ***these turn love into opportunity for evil; “love is love”; everyone goes to heaven**
 2. blind would fall into deep pits and dry wells; Log – main structural beam; Bad tree – evil
- B. Obey Christ! Listen to His Word and Obey Him **(Luke6:46)**
- C. How do we react to what is happening in America?