

Why Should We Go Witnessing?

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Introduction

I must tell you that I love the story of the Good Samaritan! Some call it a parable, but our Lord says in **Luke 10:30**, "**....A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.**" Our Lord told this story about a "certain man" which gives me the indication that He knew who he was, and in fact, because the Good Samaritan here represents Jesus, He may have been telling a story of a person and events that He had been a part of personally. So, I don't believe this is a parable, not just an "earthly story with a heavenly meaning."

But regardless of whether you believe it was a true event in the life of Jesus and this man, it is truly a beautiful story. The setting of the story starts out in verses 25-29, where a scholar of the law came to Jesus to try and trip Him up with what he thought was a hard question. The question was, "**Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?**" (v. 25) Jesus went on to use a hard question for this lawyer which would reveal his hypocrisy and expose his ill intentions. In verse 26, Jesus asked him what the law said about the way to get to heaven. The man responded by telling our Lord that in order to get to heaven, a person had to keep the law perfectly and in so doing, love God with all of his heart, and then, love his neighbor as himself. The lawyer gave the answer to Jesus thinking that he was perfect and would earn his way to heaven. But, we know that salvation is by grace only, and not by works. So, this lawyer saw himself as a proud and almost perfect man, while not even realizing that true Christianity is not about our goodness, but about our sinfulness and getting saved by the blood of the crucified one. Then, after our salvation decision, we must demonstrate this true salvation by going to witness to others and by telling them how to get saved and how to find Jesus. Yet, 97% of believers never win another person to Christ in their entire lifetime, and very few ever really get serious about leading people to Jesus. Hopefully in this short passage, I will be able to get you to really begin to have a burden for lost souls, and yes, go out of your way to win them to Christ. Multitudes are waiting for us come and tell them how to get saved and go to heaven. But, I do realize that everybody can't go to the mission fields of foreign lands, but every one of us can witness to our

neighbors, and give so that others can go to the mission fields. I plead with you to become a really Good Samaritan like the one in our story. The eternal destiny of millions of people is dependent upon our willingness to inconvenience ourselves and go across the road or across the world to share the Good News of the Gospel. Now, let's take a close look at this story and see what God is really saying to us about going witnessing.

I. WE SHOULD GO WITNESSING BECAUSE OF THE FALLENESS OF A RUINED SINNER. v. 30

Although many people in these new generations of people don't believe it, every human being that is ever born on this earth is born with a fallen sinful nature. Oh yes, we hear all of these so-called brilliant psychologists telling us that we are born with basic good tendencies, but the Bible does not teach this at all. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23-24**, **"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."** In other words, every person who has walked the earth since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden is a genetic sinner born with a sinful nature. And, there is no hope for that person apart from redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ. So, in this verse 30, let's take a look at the seriousness of a sinner who has fallen by the wayside with no one to come and help him until the Good Samaritan shows up.

A. A fallen man has lost his way. v. 30a

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, the end result was that they then were separated from intimacy with God, and this separation demanded that they be exiled or cast out from the Garden in a fallen sinful state. Adam and Eve were beaten by Satan and left to die in this fallen state. They were eventually saved on credit by the killing of an animal by shedding its blood (a prototype of Jesus), and then God clothed their nakedness in the animal skins, a picture of righteousness.

The man that was on his way from Jerusalem was no doubt a Jew, and probably a merchant on his way to do business in Jericho about 25 miles southeast of Jerusalem. Along the way a band of highway robbers attacked him, beat him unmercifully, stole everything he had, and then left him naked beside the road to die. And, he would have died if the Good Samaritan had not come to where he was.

Truly, we could say that this dear man lost his way just like a fallen unsaved sinner. Satan always leaves his victims by the roadside dying in a terrible condition. And folks, the main reason that God wants to save us is

to help us find His way for us so that we don't waste our lives living in a fallen condition of sin, and then die and burn in hell fire forever. Surely, the only safe way for us is to live in God's way for our lives.

B. A fallen man has lost his wealth. v. 30b

The second thing that I want to mention about this fallen man is that he was totally robbed of all of his wealth or money. The Satanic thieves left him there to die with all of his riches taken away. And of course, this is what Satan wants to do to every human being that is born on this earth. Just like Adam and Eve, their submission to the temptation of Satan consigned them to having to be run out of the Garden of Eden, and leave behind all the riches and treasures of that perfect place which God had prepared for them. What Satan did not know at that time was that one day with the impending death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, fallen man would recover all the richest of Christ, and yes, and even be placed in a more beautiful garden than Eden had been. This will happen after Jesus comes again and the earth is ultimately purified by fire into a perfect place, but it will only happen for the saved children of God. What a day of treasures that will be! Every child of God will have all the riches of Christ, and the treasures of the Kingdom of God and heaven too. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!

C. A fallen man has lost his wardrobe. v. 30c

Just for a moment, think back to the Garden of Eden and the fall of Adam and Eve. Before they fell, they were living in the garden with no awareness of their own nakedness because they were in a sinless state of innocence. The cognizance of their nakedness only came after they sinned against God. This is what happened when sin entered the world. The innocence of man was taken away, and man lived with no righteousness. Therefore, God had to kill some animals and clothe Adam and Eve in the animal skins because they lost their righteous innocence when they sinned. Ever since that day, fallen man has been sinful and naked before almighty God, and because of this, Jesus had to die on the cross to provide His own imputed righteousness for each of us as sinners. Thus, every man and woman is not properly clothed before God until he or she receives the robe of righteousness provided for every believer at the moment of salvation. So, this is why we must bear witness to everyone we possibly can that Jesus is the only one that can clothe us with His righteousness.

When the robbers left the wounded and dying merchant beside the road in the Judaeen wilderness, they left him completely naked. Of course, this is what sin does to every fallen sinner. It strips us of our righteousness and covering of decency, and it will ultimately cause us to have to stand before God in complete shame and humiliation if we don't get saved and become robed with the righteousness of God. But, we need to remember that when no one else would or could come to where we were, Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, came directly to the cross to purchase our clothing of righteousness.

D. A fallen man has lost his wholeness. v. 30d

In the latter part of this verse, we are told that the fallen man was left beside the roadside wounded and bleeding. This of course is what happens to every lost sinner that is beaten up by the servants of Satan. These devils promise to every sinner the entire world, but in the end, they leave the individual wounded and bleeding with no wholeness whatsoever. And if this wasn't bad enough, this beaten and bruised person will then die lost and spend eternity in hell. Therefore, don't you think we should go witnessing to try and rescue the perishing and care for the dying?

E. A fallen man has lost his walk. v. 30e.

Well, the last thing we see about this fallen man was that he was left mortally wounded and dying, and no longer could walk or do anything about his horrible condition. This is truly a picture of the lost sinner who is fallen under the curse of sin and is unable to do anything for himself. Therefore, unless a Good Samaritan comes his way, he will be lost forever. So, we must allow the Good Samaritan, our Lord Jesus Christ, to work through us to go throughout the world helping to rescue these fallen ones who are not only dying physically, but most of all, are dying lost without Jesus. So friends, we must go witnessing because we have the only hope that the entire world has, and if we don't take this hope to those fallen beside the roadway, no one else will. How dare we allow anyone to die without Christ because we didn't pay the price to get the hope of the Gospel to them.

II. WE SHOULD GO WITNESSING BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE RELIGIOUS SANCTIMONIOUS. vs. 31-32

If we truly know Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, then it is not only a privilege for us to go witnessing to the lost, but it is also a tremendous responsibility. For if God sent someone to us with the Gospel

message which resulted in our salvation, then people are waiting for us to go where they are fallen and help them. And, one of the main reasons that we must go is because religious people are not going. Multitudes have religion in their heads, but they don't have Jesus in their hearts. So, if we believe that religion is the answer for fallen mankind, then, we are badly deceived. Religion will always fail whether it be Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Hinduism, and multitudes of other brands, but having a relationship with Christ will never fail. Therefore, we must go down the roadways of life looking for those who the priests and Levites will never help.

A. The priest makes an appearance, but offers no help. v. 31

Every time I read this verse, my righteous indignation gets stirred up just a little. Why? Because if anyone in the world should want to minister to those found by the wayside, it should be the priests who are suppose to be interested in interceding between man and God. No doubt this priest was on his way down to Jericho as well, and he just didn't have time to get involved. In fact, he only looked from a distance at the dying man, and then hastened on his religious journey passing by on the other side. This is typical of religion! It is a phony display of professed piety, but it never gets its hands dirty trying to help fallen man. And sad to say, but these religious priests usually criticize those who try to help while they do nothing.

Folks, I know that this priest was without a doubt, a Jewish priest. But when I read this over and over again, I can't help but think of the thousands and thousands of Catholic priests who everyday and every week deceive millions of people through their phony counterfeit religion. They teach one lie after another and never do anything spiritually that they promise to do. In fact, over the past many months I have been doing an in-depth study of Catholicism for the new book I am writing, and I have not discovered one doctrine in the Catholic Church that can save a soul or forgive one sin. One of the biggest regrets that I have in my 52 years of ministry is that I have not cried out against this damnable false counterfeit church which Satan is building for the final days just before Christ returns and the antichrist sets up his false kingdom. And, the only thing that we can do now is to cry out against all of these false priests, including the corrupt Pope Francis, and we can go witnessing and win one soul at a time from the grips of this horrible religious taskmaster.

B. The Levite makes an analysis, but offers no hope. v. 32

Well, the priest made a fool of himself, and then went on his way. Now, we have this supposedly dedicated Jewish Levite coming to take a look at the fallen, beaten man, and then after evaluating the situation just a little, he decides to follow the bad example of the priest and go on his way as well. You must know that the Levites were the descendants of Levi, and they were considered to be the tribe from which the high priests were chosen. Thus, if anybody in Israel should have had a burden for those suffering, it should have been this Levite. We don't know the rank of the first priest, but we do know that the Levitical priests were at the top of the list. But, as it is so often today, these highly religious people just give us a religious evaluation of what needs to be done, but if something is to be done, someone else will have to do it. They just go on their merry way pretending to be overtly righteous like the Pharisees, but they never get down to reaching out to fallen humanity. Because of this phony religious facade, we must warn every person we can to stay away from any religion that gives observation and good works as a solution to man's problems, but never shares the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. WE SHOULD GO WITNESSING BECAUSE OF THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE REPUDIATED SAMARITAN. vs.33-37

We now see that organized religion without Christ is a total failure. So, something must be done. In this beautiful story, God sends a half-breed man called the Samaritan to minister to this dying fallen man. The Samaritans came about during the Babylonian Exile when the Jewish people intermarried with the pagans in the land of captivity. God had told them not to do this because of idol worship and their immorality. So, the Samaritans became a hated race of people. Yet, in this story the pure Jewish priest and Levite failed to reach out to the dying man, but the hated Samaritan stepped forward and saved the man's life.

I need to tell you right here that I believe this Good Samaritan who God has used for a true pattern to help us go to the fallen, is truly a representation of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the incarnate Deity who had come down to this earth to take on the form of a man, so that He could die in our place on the cross. While on the cross, he received the imputed sins of the entire human race, and so, we might say that he was 100 percent God and at the same time 100 percent man. Thus, He might be referred to by humanity as a hybrid man. And, isn't it amazing that our Lord was hated here on earth almost as badly as the Samaritans in northern Israel.

A. The Samaritan's faithfulness was based upon compassion. v. 33

I think I should share with you at this point that Jesus Christ, the truly Good Samaritan, does in fact love the entire world regardless of who every individual is, or where they might live, or whatever race they might belong to. **John 3:16**, which all of us know, tells us explicitly that Jesus loves the entire world with agape (unconditional divine) love. Therefore, if we are going to be Good Samaritans, we must love the way Jesus loves.

1. His compassion crossed the bonds of race.
2. His compassion crossed the bonds of religion.
3. His compassion crossed the bonds of rank.

Just think about that my friends. Jesus loves everyone on this terrestrial ball, and yes, He wants every human being to be saved by His sacrificial blood; even the hyper-Calvinists who believe that some can't and won't be saved because God predestined them to hell. Like Catholicism, this too is false counterfeit religion. Stay away from it!

B. The Samaritan's faithfulness was blessed with commitment. vs. 34-37

We already know that Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price by giving up heaven and coming down to this earth to live, to die on the cross, to be buried in the tomb, and then, to rise from the dead. This truly was the greatest act of commitment that the world has ever known. Therefore, if the Good Samaritan represents Jesus, which I believe firmly that it does, then, the acts of commitment which we find in the Samaritan as he demonstrated going to minister to the fallen man, is truly the example of commitment we must follow if we are going to witness to the world. Please look at the price the Good Samaritan paid to save the life of the fallen merchant who was left dead by the roadside.

1. His commitment cost him his time. v. 34a
2. His commitment cost him his talent. v. 34b
3. His commitment cost him his transportation. v. 34c
4. His commitment cost him his treasure. v. 35

The Good Samaritan was ready to pay any price to make sure that the fallen man who represents fallen humanity, was made well and restored to complete health. It truly cost him much of this time, a lot of his talent, even his own donkey, and yes, his treasure to pay for the recovering man's expenses at the Good Samaritan's Inn. It is evident to

me that this gracious loving man put his all into helping the fallen man be restored to complete wellness. Just like Jesus, he gave all that this wounded bruised man could completely recover from his near-death experience, and no doubt, be sent back home to his family a new man.

Are We Going Witnessing?

Isn't this what we are supposed to be doing? Isn't this what evangelism and world missions are all about? Isn't this why we work so hard to raise funds and rescue the perishing? Why? Because religion is failing big time, and only we who have genuinely been saved and have the Good Samaritan living on the inside of us, are the only people that can "rescue the perishing and care for the dying, and snatch them in pity from sin and the grave." If we won't go witnessing, we will contribute enormously to the spiritual deaths of 80,000 people who die lost without Christ every day in the world. My precious GIMI friends, let's not be complicit in the spiritual deaths of so many thousands of fallen people!!!!

Please forgive me, but I must go now! I believe I see a dying man lying by the roadside that needs my help!

In the King's service,

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Hebrews 6:10