

You Can't Even Love Your
Neighbor as Yourself
– Apart from God's Grace –

Luke 10:25-37

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Life's Biggest Question

Luke 10:25-28

What are the Requirements Inheriting for Eternal Life?

Luke 10:26-28

How Do You Read the Law? 10:26

- Jesus is affirming His commitment to the Law, contrary to the accusations of the Pharisees – cf. Mt 15:2; 5:18f.
 - “What is written...?”
 - “How does it read to you?” – referring to the *SHEMA*, Deut 6:4f.
 - How do you recite it
- “Thou shalt love the Lord...” from Deut 6 and
- “...and your neighbor as yourself” from Lev 19:18
 - Note, this is the same answer Jesus gave – Mk 12:28-31

Knowing What the Law Says – 10:27-28a

- The Lawyer answered correctly
 - The command calls for a complete and selfless/invested love for God and for our neighbor, heart, soul, strength & mind
 - The first, how to love God
 - The second, how to love others
 - The catch, it is required for eternal life – Lk 9:23

Doing What the Law Requires – 10:28*b*

- “Do this and you will live.” – cf. Lev 18:5; Deut 6:25; Neh 9:29; Ezk 20:11,13,21
 - The Lawyer knows...Now he is accountable to the Law
- The problem is...
 - No one can keep it perfectly – Ro 3:20
 - Failure to do so brings God’s curse – Gal 3:10; cf. Deut 27:26
- The result is...
 - All...fall short of the glory of God – Ro 3:23
 - There is no one who is righteous, not even one – Ro 3:10; cf. 5:12; Gal 3:22

Doing What the Law Requires, 2

- Jesus is not saying some can do this, since it is impossible and earns the wage of death – cf. Jas 2:10; Ezk 19:4,20; Ro 6:23
- The only solution...
 - Acknowledge one's own sin – Ps 32:5; Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9
 - Cry out for God's mercy – Lk 18:13
 - Through faith alone... – Jn 3:16; 36; 5:24; Ac 15:9; Ro 3:20-30; 4:5; 5:1; Gal 2:16; Eph 2:8f.; Php 3:9; 1 Pe 1:9
 - Accept Christ alone as the sufficient sacrifice for your sin – Eph 5:2; Heb 9:24-28; 10:12
- The Outcome...
 - God made His Son, who knew no sin to be sin on [their] behalf, so that [they] might become the righteousness of God in Him – 2 Co 5:21

The Illustration – 10:29-36

- The Lawyer should have recognized his inability to give complete and perfect obedience, and called upon Jesus for mercy – cf. the tax collector, Lk 18:13
 - Instead, his pride came through – cf. Lk 18:11f.
 - “wishing to justify himself...”
- Paul rebuked Israel’s pride in “keeping” the Law – Ro 2:23-29
 - And the resulting **lost** condition – Ro 10:1-3

The Illustration

- The Lawyer's assumption – He loves God perfectly
 - His premise – I think God is less holy than God says He is