

The Radical Love Demanded by Christ *Luke 6:31-35*

Human beings naturally function based on *quid pro quo*—which is Latin for _____
Jesus demands that His disciples follow a different law that has been called the _____
Many have rejected the deity of Christ and His death for their sins yet embraced His _____ teaching

I. THE NATURE OF THE RADICAL LOVE DEMANDED BY CHRIST

A. EXAMPLES

- 1) “If you _____ those who _____ you, what credit is that to you?”
 - a) For the Christian, love is not limited to those who love us first or love us in _____
 - b) In v.32 “credit” = _____: this radical love is a demonstration of God’s grace in our lives
- 2) “If you _____ those who _____ you, what credit is that to you?”

In this second example Jesus connects love to _____: love always means doing good
- 3) “If you _____ to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you?”
 - a) Jesus calls us to meet the financial needs of others without demanding _____
 - b) Christians shouldn’t lend only to those we think can do the same for us in the _____

B. CHARACTERISTICS

- 1) The Golden Rule Is _____
 - a) Around 100 BC, Judaism taught the Golden Rule _____: What you hate, do to no one.
 - b) By flipping this idea around and making it positive, Jesus made the demand to love _____
- 2) The Golden Rule Is _____
 - a) Nothing anyone can do to _____ our love and nothing anyone can do to _____ our love
 - b) Verse 35 suggests that the radical love that Jesus is describing is a _____-kind-of-love
- 3) The Golden Rule Is _____
 - a) The radical love that Jesus demands of us does not _____: it takes the first step
 - b) God is our example of this love: “We love Him because He _____ loved us.” *1 Jn. 4:19*
- 4) The Golden Rule Is _____
 - a) “Disinterested” = not influenced by considerations of _____ advantage
 - b) “I scratch your back whether you _____ my back or not!”

II. THE MOTIVATION FOR THE RADICAL LOVE DEMANDED BY CHRIST

A. _____

We do not expect anything in return from the person we love, but we may expect a return from _____

- 1) The first kind of reward for loving in this way is revealed by Jesus in Luke _____
- 2) Eternal reward: This is how we can lay up treasures in _____

B. IDENTITY or _____

“Like father, like son”—when we love like God, then the _____ likeness for God’s family is seen in us