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We as Christians are required by God to love. Not just friends or people like us, but everyone. Jesus told the crowds when asked you need to love your enemy as yourself. The He went on to talked about the good Samaritan.

Luke 10:25-37

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The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”^[a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b]”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds,

pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Jesus was being tested if He knew the laws. Of course. it all boiled back to the great commandment. To love your Lord your God and love you neighbor as yourself. So, the rich man asked Jesus who his neighbor was. Expecting an answer like your fellow Jews. But Jesus went into this parable. A Man got beat up and the priest crossed to the far side of the street, so he did not get near the unclean man. After all the rules made by the elders was that the priest could not touch a body. Next came a Levite who had to follow the same rule so also crossed to the far side. Leaving their countryman for the dead. Next came a good Samaritan. The Samaritans were the enemies of the Jews, but he stopped to help the man. He became the good neighbor. Jesus later said to also love your enemy plainly.

Matthew 5:43-48

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Love for Enemies

⁴³ **“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor^[a] and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is per**

We love not for their sake but ours. Allowing the forgiveness into our heart.

Loving my enemy,

Chaplain Tony