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The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

“What kind of car do you drive?” asked the white-haired driver. I described it. He smiled, “I’ll help you find it.”

As we talked I spotted our car. Mr. Hall waited until I checked. Maude was still in it. I gave him a thumbs up and they moved on. I thought of the Good Samaritan.

In a limited way, my experience last week suggests Jesus’ parable on being neighborly. A stranger noticed me searching and offered help.

To clarify: Don’t confuse the Good Samaritan act with the “acts of random kindness” fad, like picking up the dinner check at a restaurant. One is pre-meditated; a decision to act as a neighbor in an emergency. The other is a momentary feel good whim.

Also, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan parable, many non-believers have a high priority value on human life and love their work. They spontaneously respond to emergencies, momentarily ignoring the world around them.

In this paper, Christians are the focus. Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ is the Only Way of eternal salvation and He is coming soon for His Followers.

The Good Samaritan parable reveals the importance of pre-planning. His belief system, his living life attitude places a high value on human life, without regard to politics, race, religion, personal cost or danger. He acts from a practicing lifestyle; he sees a broken body and immediately and instinctively stops to help. He assists the man through his immediate and short term needs – (Luke 10:33-35).

On pre-planning, Peter puts it this way, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence” (I Peter 3:15).

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Some of you may be thinking, “I’m not comfortable about getting involved, putting my life in danger, spending my money and time to help ... one of those people?” You fill in the blank.

Christian, remember that the God of heaven, whom you profess to love and to serve and who commands you to be holy because He is holy, knows you intimately. He knows the gift He gave you and He knows what motivates you to service.

Paul reminds us that all Christians are called to the work God assigned to us before time began, (Ephesians 2:10). Fascinating! It is mind-stretching and faith-building to study so as to grasp the context of eternity past and future in the Omniscience of God! One example: In eternity past, before my parents knew each other, God knew the length of my days.

We are only one part of His body and that is our major responsibility for the good of the whole body. Listen as Peter speaks to us, (1st Peter 2:9), “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, *so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*” Every part has equal value in His sight.

Ultimately God values the soul of man above all else. The Cross of Jesus shows the great love of God for us (John 3:16). The rest of Paul’s letter to the Ephesian Church expresses warm exciting wonder at God’s great love for us.

So, are you a serious Christian watching as you wait for Jesus to return? Are you focused on the future eternity of living and reigning with Jesus? (Acts 1:9-11; Revelation 22:1-5).

While going about your usual routines are you sensitively watching for Good Samaritan opportunities? Think about it. “Samaritan acts” randomly happen. The hand of God allows us to choose to see or not see needs as opportunities to serve Him, to be His light in the darkness. Faith accepts that God had purpose when He created man in His own image. He gave us a mind to think, a heart to experience emotions, and a will to make responsible choices.

Think Eternity. Isn’t Matthew 28:16-20, also telling all of us to live the Good Samaritan attitude – actively seeking spiritually lost people, meeting them

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on their life journey and beginning there, sharing the saving love of God expressed through Jesus Christ?

While we were yet sinners Jesus gave His life, paying the sin-debt for each of us. He continues washing away daily sins until He comes for us!

Happiness looks from looking to God's eternal presence!

Amen, Come Lord Jesus

Buford Smith

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You will notice a few changes in the way our funds are processed due to a change in Chase Bank's policy concerning check deposits and checks written.

Chase has modified our account to charge Words of Life for all checks, written or deposited, during the month forty cents for each transaction over 20 in total. Due to our funds being almost completely checks, and the five or six checks we write each month, the fee can add up to several dollars. Since Chase also pays almost no interest on our savings, we have moved some of our funds to Edward Jones Investments in a Money Market Fund. This fund currently is drawing 5% interest, much better than Chase' .1 percent.

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