

Loving Without Condition, Loving Like Christ
1 John 3:18-21

THE HOLY LAND

- FIRST CENTURY AD

*Mediterranean
Sea*



THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

(LUKE 10:25-37)



A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers... But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

Characteristics of Impersonal Love

- Impossible without abiding
- Unconditional
- Not dependent on relationship
- It is a key 'proof' of *spiritual maturity*
- It is the basis for creating, maintaining, fixing, and advancing in relationships

“For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.”

James 2:26 (ESV)

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"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God."

1 Corinthians 2:12 (ESV)

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“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17)that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

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(28)And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming."

1 John 2:28 (ESV)

“each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”

1 Corinthians 13:13-15 (ESV)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

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“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ (26) He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ (27) And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’”

Luke 10:25–27 (ESV)

“And He said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’ (29) But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’

Luke 10:28–29 (ESV)

“Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. (31)Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.’”

Luke 10:30–31 (ESV)

“So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”

Luke 10:32 (ESV)

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“But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.”

Luke 10:33 (ESV)

‘He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (35)And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

Luke 10:34–35 (ESV)

‘Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’”

(37)He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’”

Luke 10:36–37 (ESV)

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (2)And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (3)If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:1–3 (ESV)

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 1:10 (ESV)

“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

Hebrews 12:11 (ESV)

“It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

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“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”

1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

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“It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NIV)

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