

Who is my neighbor?

– from Luke 10:25-37; R3803; p336 in the “Life of Christ”

Provide Scripture texts and any reference materials used when answering - reprints, volumes, dictionaries, etc.

1. Did the lawyer recognize a need for a savior to obtain eternal life from the Law? (p. 337/The Law Versus The Gospel)
2. After the lawyer provided the correct answer from the Law as to how to obtain eternal life (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18), did he fully grasp what is meant by loving God with all his heart? How do we love God with all our heart? (p. 338)
3. What is meant by the lawyer attempting to justify himself by asking the question, “Who is my neighbor?” (p. 338/Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself) What are some of the ways we can love our neighbors as ourselves?
4. Is there any significance in the priest and Levite not stopping to help the severely wounded man? Going to the other side of the path to avoid him? What attribute(s) could be used to describe their behavior in not helping the man? (p. 339, par. 1 and 2)
5. How did Jesus expand and explain the meaning of neighbor as written in the Law to the lawyer? What key attribute defines a neighbor? Matthew 5:7 (p339, par 2)
6. What seven things did the Samaritan do for the half-dead traveler from Jerusalem?
7. Did it matter to the Samaritan that the wounded man was likely a Jew? In what ways did the Samaritan put the wounded man’s interests above his own? How does his reaction to seeing the severely wounded man contrast with the priest and Levite? Knowing and teaching God’s Law, shouldn’t the priest and Levite have been the compassionate ones?
8. Upon the wounded man’s recovery, if he saw the priest or Levite that did not stop to help him, would he be obligated to help them if their circumstances were reversed? (p339/The Golden Rule)
9. As consecrated Christians, we’re commanded to love our enemies (Matt. 5:43-45). What are some of the ways we can love our enemies? (p. 340) Provide scriptural or personal examples.

10. Do we love our enemies the same way we love God, Jesus or our brothers and sisters in Christ? (p. 340)
11. Does the law require sacrificing one's life for another? How did Jesus go beyond the requirements of the law by giving his life a ransom for all? (p.340)
12. How do we joyfully lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in Christ?
13. Could any fallen human being keep the Law perfectly? (p. 340-341/The Law is Fulfilled in Us)
14. How is the requirement of the Law fulfilled in the followers of Christ? (p. 341)
Romans 8:1-4
15. Do we really love God whom we do not see with the natural eye, if we do not love our fellow human beings whom we see? 1 John 4:20; Matthew 5:7; Luke 10:25-37
16. What else can we learn from Jesus' lesson of the compassionate Samaritan?