



## Introduction:

What is the greatest compliment that a follower of Christ could receive? The highest honor would be that a person says that they see Jesus in you. Your attitude and actions reveal that Christ lives in you and works through you. With a last glance at the text, I think it is important that we see our Lord and Savior reflected in the conduct of the Samaritan (Luke 10:30-36). How

do you see Jesus in “The Good Samaritan?”

## The Focus:

- **Jesus is a reflection of The Good Samaritan.**
  - **Jesus came where we were.**
  - **Jesus was moved with compassion towards us.**
  - **Jesus took our wounds upon Himself.**
  - **Jesus paid the entire cost to save us.**
  - **Jesus will come again for us.**

On Sunday, Pastor Dan taught his third sermon on The Good Samaritan. It has been said that you can influence lives from a distance, but you impact lives up-close. You can't help or bring any meaningful change to a person's life without getting personally involved. And that's what Christ did. The Samaritan's actions reveal what Christ would do for us.

First of all, Jesus came where we were. God the Father prepared a body for Christ in the womb of a virgin to be born into the world, in Bethlehem (Hebrews 10:5; Luke 1:27; 1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 2:4-7). He came and endured similar things that we all face, yet the Bible says (Hebrews 4:15) that He did it *“without sin.”* He came down and gave His life, so that you might be reconciled to a right relationship with God and have eternal life (Colossians 1:20-22; Romans 5:21).

Secondly, Jesus, who had seen the depravity of man from the beginning, was moved with compassion toward us. Observing people and watching today's social media, one can often feel isolated and alone. You can feel despised and rejected as an enemy. And the views of other people can often cloud one's knowledge of the character of God, thinking He acts in the same manner as mankind. This is certainly a false perception of God and Jesus Christ. You see, that is why He came (Luke 19:10). He came to heal those who are spiritually broken and wounded. He wants to make you new from the inside out (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Thirdly, Jesus' compassion moved Him to action. Jesus took mankind's wounds upon Himself. Jesus took on our sins upon Himself, upon the cross (1 Peter 2:24). The corruption of sin has plagued us. Death and destruction have passed to every generation, all because of sin (Romans 5:12). It is Satan and his deception that are behind all things contrary to what God desires (Genesis 3:1; 2:17; Colossians 2:8). But one may still ask, “How do I know that God (Jesus) loves me?” And the answer is found in John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* The

Father gave His Son; the Son gave His life. That's how you know. He sacrificed all so that you might gain a restored relationship and a citizenship in the heavens (Ephesians 5:2; Philippians 3:20).

Fourthly, because Christ took our wounds (our sins) upon Himself, giving His life; He paid the entire cost to redeem us from all our sins (Titus 2:14). The sin debt on one's account, if a person trusts in God, is paid in full (Romans 3:25). Ephesians 2:1-9 explains this process. Just like the Samaritan, Christ's payment on the cross covered the entire for our spiritual healing (Luke 10:35; Ephesians 1:13-14).

And lastly, Jesus will come again to redeem what He has purchased (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:14). The Bible declares every believer has been "*bought with a price,*" therefore we are no longer our own, but His (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Just as the Samaritan left the battered Jewish man in the care of the innkeeper, Christ informed His disciples that while He had to go away He would leave them a Comforter (John 14:3; 16:7; Luke 10:35). Also, as the Samaritan promised to return (Luke 10:35), so Christ's return is promised (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Remember, religion will keep you on the treadmill of rituals and ceremonies, whereas Christ reveals there is nothing for us to do but accept Him (Acts 16:31).

### **Response to the Sermon:**

In the sermon, Pastor Dan stated that Christ couldn't save us from a distance, therefore, He had to come where we were (Luke 10:33; Galatians 4:4). As well, Paul implores believers today to move and act as Christ did, ministering to the needs of others (Romans 12:1). What are some ministries that CrossRoads provides, or what are some outreaches within our community that go and minister to people? If people are going to be cared for, and if you want your life to be filled with compassion, you have to be around people where needs are evident (Luke 10:33-34). What can you do to serve at CrossRoads? Where can you serve within your community?

### **Bible Study Thoughts & Questions:**

The word "*others*" is used 13 times in Paul's epistles. The main verse that applies to the story of the Samaritan is Philippians 2:4, "*Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*" If we are going to be like Christ, we must put others before ourselves and our agenda. We are His hands and feet – we are His body (Romans 12:4-5). If we don't go and do something, who will reveal the love and life of Christ (Romans 10:15)? We all have a vocation as ambassadors of Christ; therefore, we must take part in telling others about the life healing, life giving truth of our Savior (Ephesians 4 – all; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

What do unbelievers lack in order to be saved (Romans 5:6)? But what does a believer possess that enables us to break the chains that impede the faith to believe (2 Corinthians 10:4)?

According to 2 Corinthians 4:3, what is hid and from whom is it hid? Therefore, if God is going to reveal the truth and knowledge concerning life and death, through whom will He do it (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)?

### **Application Questions:**

The parable while a fictional story embodies characteristics that Christ demonstrated to the whole world, to Jews and Gentiles alike (Romans 3:23-25). Because unbelievers are destined for wrath and destruction (Romans 2:5; 3:16), what must be declared to penetrate the darkness surrounding their hearts and minds (2 Corinthians 4:4)?

What are you doing to penetrate the darkness that blocks others from the truth (Luke 10:33-35)? Since radical life change only comes from God, what actions have you taken to help break down barriers in the lives of others?

Being concerned with others' needs is a personal endeavor. According to Luke 10:34, what can you do to help the healing process ("*bound up his wounds*")?

What resources of yours can help reconcile ("*pouring in oil and wine*")?

What role can you play in bringing others along the path to restoration ("*set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn*")?

How can you care for others who need help ("*took care of him*")?

**Prayer:**

- Pray that you would be yielded to the Spirit of God and the commands of His Word, so that you would allow the mind of Christ to influence your actions daily (Philippians 2:3-5).
- Pray that you would remember the state you were in before you knew Christ (Romans 5:10).
- Pray that you would remember that you were saved from wrath and must tell others of God's grace, the grace that was given to you (Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8).