



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

**-We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him
Known!**

Living the Faith

- **Have you spent at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days this week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Are you praying about “Who” for Salvation Sunday September 25?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Luke 10:25-29

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’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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?”

▪ **In the Message v29 reads this way: “*Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”*”**

▪ **Often times when God gives us direction or a challenge we are looking for a loophole or try to justify ourselves in what we have done or will do!**

- **As we were challenged last week about sharing our story – asking God “who” He wants us to share our story with as we lead into Salvation Sunday... Let’s consider the call of God in the teaching of Jesus!**
- **We are called to “love our neighbor as ourselves”... The teacher questioning Jesus wants specifics... I want to know “Who do I HAVE to love” or “Who do I NOT HAVE to love” cause I know some people...**

- **Remember the original question of the teacher of the Law? “*25 What must I do to get eternal life?*”**
- **Last week the rich man asked the same question... both practiced the Law! Both wanted more! We seem to think we need to DO SOMETHING to be right with God. Jesus is the only way we can be made right through what He did!**
- **This relationship with Jesus CAUSES us to live God’s love – which is what Jesus is teaching!**

- **Religious practice will never satisfy on its own!
You must have more than an intellectual understanding of religion and God!**
- **In both cases Jesus explains that Faith is a living relationship with God that effects your daily life!**

Luke 10:30-37

30 On 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.

- **A serving Priest, according to the Law, were not to touch a dead body but if they did - they then had to go through a 2 week cleansing process. So, to keep one section of the Law, it would be better to avoid the whole situation- even though the Priest would also know the section of the Law love your neighbor as yourself!**

- **Jesus is showing what “justifying ourselves vs loving our neighbor really looks like!**

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

- **The Levites were the ministers of the Temple. They were not descendants of Aarons family (Priests) but of the same larger family of Levi... they served in the Temple and could not touch anything dead without a cleansing ceremony as well.**

- **Following the footprints of the Priest in practicing 1 section of the Law - even if it meant not practicing another section!**

33 But a Samaritan, ...

- **Samaritans were half Jews: they had inner married with the people of the land and in so doing “defiled” their inheritance as God’s people! They were looked down on by the Jews!**
- **Samaritans knew the Law and knew they were expected by God to live it!**

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 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.”

- **The challenge: What or Who are you trying to avoid while still attempting to please God?**
- **We cannot validate/justify the obvious failures in our relationship with God by what we do right!**

Action Steps: Life Application

- **Are you looking to justify yourself in any area of your walk with God?**
- **Are you looking for a loophole in order to feel you are living right?**
- **Who is it you are struggling to love with the love God has shown to you?**
- **Who is it you think doesn't deserve your love?
(Muslims? LBGT Community? Race? Etc.)**
- **Baptism!**