

## MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

### **WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR ?**

**Luke 10:25-37**

Concluding our series on Christian love (love in response to God's love for us sinners in Christ) -

#### **1. Christians – Love ALL people.**

**NO double-standard**

1 Thessalonians 3:12, plus

#### **2. “Love your neighbor.”**

**BUT who IS my neighbor?**

The “Great Commandment” #2

The Lawyer who wanted to justify himself.

Jesus answer: The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The answer: My neighbor is anyone in need.

The better question: How can I be a neighbor?

#### **3. The Gospel motive for loving your neighbor:**

**NOT “do this and you will live” (earning by works),**

**BUT “do this because you live” – in Christ by grace.**

*<sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>and if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. **Matthew 5***

*<sup>12</sup>May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all people, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

**1 Thessalonians 3**