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New Testament 3

Law/Gospel

God's command to love my neighbor is a command to be perfectly compassionate to everyone I meet. **Though I fall short, Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who binds up my brokenness, forgives my sin, and restores me to eternal life.**

Bible Words

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45

Fun Facts

"Son of Man" is a phrase used only by Jesus in the New Testament and only to refer to Himself. Faithful Jewish people recognized this messianic language from the Old Testament.

Amen literally means "so be it." In more modern language, we might say "Yes!" or "We agree!"

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25–37

The region of Samaria sits between Galilee on the north and Judea on the south. Samaria's history shaped its culture and national relationships.

When the Northern Kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians in 722 BC, foreigners came to the land. The remaining Jews married them. The people mixed worship of the one true God with idol worship. The people of this area became known as Samaritans.

After the Babylonian Exile of Judea in 605 to 587 BC, Cyrus, the new Babylonian king, allowed the Jews to return to Judea. Animosity developed between faithful, returning Jews and the "half-blood" Samaritans, who did not worship the one true God.

The Jews shunned Samaritans and treated them as outcasts. When Galileans traveled to Jerusalem for festivals several times a year, they even walked around instead of through Samaria.

Although aware of the negative views of Samaritans, Jesus did not share them. Jesus welcomed Samaritans into His kingdom. He purposely traveled through Samaria. In a memorable parable studied today, He made a good Samaritan a model of kindness and compassion and showed a priest and a Levite as failures.

Read this parable in Luke 10 and rejoice that Jesus, our Lord, showed mercy to us even though sin made us outcasts.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:10–11)

Words of Absolution (forgiveness of sins)

In worship, we confess our sins together and hear God's forgiveness from the pastor, who says: "Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." And all God's people say "Amen!"

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