

- I. A question about eternal life
  - A. The test: an insincere question
  - B. The challenge: look at the law
  - C. The answer: Love God and others
  - D. The problem: it is impossible

“For all of sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

- E. The response: self-justification
- II. A question about loving others
  - A. The traveler: foolish and irresponsible
  - B. The religious leaders demonstrated
    - 1. Apathy
    - 2. Preoccupation

“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.” (James 4:17)

- 3. Selfishness

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” (I John 3:17)

- C. The Samaritan demonstrated
  - 1. Compassion

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12)

- 2. Self-sacrifice

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

- 3. Generosity

- III. The challenge: be a good neighbor
  - A. Repent of your sin

B. Trust in Jesus Christ

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.” (John 3:36)

C. Love God through obedience

“Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. ‘ (John 14:23)

D. Love others through compassion