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Loving your Neighbour

MATTHEW 22:34-40 – Relationships – God’s highest priority

- ◆ God is Love – it is His, and our, basic nature.
- ◆ We need one another.
- ◆ Life’s greatest joys, fulfilment, and satisfaction come from Godly relationships.
- ◆ We are at our best when all relationships are right.

GENESIS 3:8 – Sin affected man’s relationship with God

- ◆ They ran away and hid: estrangement.

GENESIS 4:8 – Sin affected man’s relationship with man

- ◆ Cain killed Abel.
- ◆ Men and women have been fighting ever since.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18 – Salvation reconciled us to God

- ◆ Through Jesus paying for our sin.
- ◆ Now we have this ministry of reconciliation to pass on to others.
- ◆ We are now in a position to be reconciled to others.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24-25 – We are in covenant with God

- ◆ An eternal contract.
- ◆ Drawn up by the Greater – binding Himself into it when the smaller accepts it.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17 – All God’s people are bound into covenant

- ◆ Christian relationships are “covenant” relationships.
- ◆ Compared to “casual” and “functional” relationships.
- ◆ They are unconditional.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27 – We are like parts of a human body

- ◆ We are different, yet one (unity in diversity). (verses 12-14)
- ◆ We are part of the body whether we like it or not! (verses 15-16)
- ◆ Each part has it’s valuable function. (verse 17 & Ephesians 4:11 & 16)
- ◆ Each part must be “placed” by God. (verse 18 i.e. be in the right local church!)

- ◆ Each part needs the others. (verses 19-22)
- ◆ Some parts are more presentable and honoured than others, but **all** are important. (verses 23-24)
- ◆ There must be no division. (verses 25)
- ◆ We must all suffer, be honoured, rejoice, together. (verses 26)

We must build relationships according to God's principles and values.

FULFILMENT OF GOD'S LAW

Galatians. 5:14 – Commandment – love your neighbour. (also read Mark 12:30-33 & James 2:8)

WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR?

Luke 10:27-37 – He that needs help and mercy.

THE ONE ANOTHERS

- ◆ Love one another. (John 13:34-35)
- ◆ Accept one another. (Romans 14:1-3 & 15:7)
- ◆ Do not judge one another.
- ◆ Forgive one another. (2 Corinthians 2:6ff & Ephesians 4:31 & 2)
- ◆ Forbear one another. (Ephesians 4:2) (make allowance for each other's faults – Living Bible)
- ◆ Restore one another. (Galatians 6:1)
- ◆ Bear one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2) (Kind & tenderhearted – Ephesians 30-32)
- ◆ Do not cause one another to stumble. (Romans 14:13-14)
- ◆ Serve one another. (John 13:15)
- ◆ Caring for one another. (Philippians 2:4)
- ◆ Preferring one another. (Philippians 2:3)
- ◆ Do not wrong one another. (Leviticus 25:17)
- ◆ Speak no evil of one another. (James 4:11)
- ◆ Be truthful and honest with one another. (Ephesians 4:25)
- ◆ Be devoted to one another (loyal). (Romans 12:10)
- ◆ Giving to one another. (Romans 12:13)
- ◆ Rejoice with one another. (Romans 12:15)
- ◆ Weep with one another. (Romans 12:15)
- ◆ Be of same mind to one another. (Romans 12:16)
- ◆ Do not take revenge on one another. (Romans 12:19)
- ◆ Stir one another up. (Hebrews 10:24)

- ◆ Encourage one another. (Hebrews 3:13)