

August 28th, 2022 – (AM Insert)

“How the Blessed are to Live”

Luke 6:27-38

We are citizens of God’s kingdom (**1Corinthians 2:9**), “which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, *which* have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Romans 8:17, “as heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,” (cf. **2Corinthians 5:17**), we have received forgiveness for sins and eternal life; (**Revelation 21:3-4; 22:5**) where there will be no sorrow, crying, pain, death, or darkness, for those things are gone forever!

2Peter 1:3, “His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.” **Philippians 4:13**, “I can do all things through Him [Christ] who strengthens me,” **19**, “And God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

1John 5:5, “Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” **11-13**, “And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

See **Luke 6:27-28**... Jesus gives four commands for those who can “hear” (see **Matthew 13:9-16**).

Love your enemies... Matthew 5:43-44, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ‘But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (**Leviticus 19:18**), “love your neighbor as yourself,” (**Proverbs 25:21**), “If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.”

In **Luke 10**, Jesus asked (**vv. 36-37**), “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers ‘*hands*?’” And he said, ‘The one who showed mercy toward him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same.’”

Do good to those who hate you...

Romans 12:9, “*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor [hate] what is evil; cling to what is good,*” **20-21**, “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

This is how God deals with sinners, He is good to us, leading us to repentance (**Romans 3:23; 6:23; 8:1**).

1John 4:19, “We love because He first loved us.”

Bless those who curse you... Tell them the truth.

August 28th, 2022 – (AM Insert)

“How the Blessed are to Live”

Luke 6:27-38

Read John 16:7-11... Jesus speaks of the *Supernatural* Comforter [**Isaiah 9:6**, *Wonderful Counselor*] the Holy Spirit, who will come to them, but only after Christ ascends back into heaven to be at the right hand of the Father (see **John 14:16-17; 25-26; 15:26-27**).

The devil holds unbelievers captive (see **2Corinthians 4:3-4**). Rejecting Jesus is the unpardonable sin that leads to an eternal hell (see **John 3:14-16, 36; 6:28-29; 8:24-25**).

John 12:31-32, “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

John 14:30, “the ruler of the world is coming.” (**John 16:11**), “the ruler of this world has been judged.”

John 8:44, “He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

1Peter 3:8-9a, “To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead.”

Pray for those who mistreat you...

Martin Luther once said, “God converts those whom He does convert by showing them goodness. It is only in this way that we can convert a person, namely, by showing him kindness and love.”

Romans 5:8-10, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Luke 23:34, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Proverbs 18:24, “A man of too many friends comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” **John 15:14**, “You are My friends if you do what I command you.”

See **Luke 6:29a...** It is okay to protect yourself.

Luke 22:36) Jesus said, “whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.”

Matthew 5:39, “But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.”

Are we to give in to evil? Jesus (cf. **Matthew 21:12**) turned over tables and drove evil men out of the Temple, and another time (**John 2:15**) He made a whip and drove out those who were doing evil there.

This is a slap, an act of contempt and disgrace.

It is a demeaning and demoralizing injury.

August 28th, 2022 – (AM Insert)

“How the Blessed are to Live”

Luke 6:27-38

I don't believe Jesus is advocating that we let some bully beat us or other's up, this is not a physical attack -- this is about humiliating and degrading someone.

Romans 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

1Peter 2:21-24, “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

It is not about my rights, or injustices done to me, it is about Him who died for me, that I might live for Him (**Hebrews 12:3**), “For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

We are redeemed by God through Jesus Christ for the ministry of reconciliation not retaliation; we are to be evangelists not executioners.

2Corinthians 5:14-21, “For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

And all God's people said, Amen!

Pastor Mike Hale