

Heart ² Heart With God

"DO THOU LIKEWISE!"

In Luke chapter 10:25-37 in this portion of Scripture we read about one certain lawyer trying to tempt Jesus came with a question, "...Master, what shall I do to inherit the eternal life?" (Luke 10:23).

Jesus answered him by asking him a question, "...what is written in the law? (Luke 10:26). His answer to the question of Jesus was correct, "27. And he answering said, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus said to him, "Thou hast answered right: **this do** and thou shalt live. 29. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, and **who is my neighbor?**" (Luke 10:27-29). And as usual Jesus told the lawyer a story of a Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37).

After Jesus finished the Good Samaritan's story, Jesus asked the lawyer, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" And he said, he that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, go, and do thou likewise." (Luke 10:36-37). We do not read further what the response of the lawyer was.

But here Jesus was pointing out very precious virtue of living Christian lifestyle, Agape love-lifestyle! There is no place for the self-righteousness at all. Jesus' righteousness is our righteousness, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21). When we are called righteous people by God then we must live likewise. The life-style of righteous people is the Agape-lifestyle. And Agape-lifestyle is the sanctified lifestyle, totally separated **from** the world and separated **to** God. In other words it is not the self-centered lifestyle at all!

Jesus was very clear in his statement: "The one who claims to love **Unseen God** with all his heart, mind, soul, strength, and does not love his co-human whom he sees with his physical eyes, then it is hypocrite lifestyle!" God is not pleased with such a life style at all! Not only this but the one who loves one man and hates other whom he by some reason does not like this kind of attitude also does not please the Lord. It is called partiality!

And this kind of thing was increasing in the life of His people Israel and that was the reason he had to many times chasten His people to make them realize what actually He required from them. And it is the same thing at present time too. That His people are so much taken over by the self-centered, self-loved lifestyle that they very subtly started living hypocrite lifestyle, thinking that it pleases the Lord their God. It does not at all!

Mainly His people are the cause that God blesses this world and also His people are the cause that God's wrath comes upon this world!

At the present time as we are locked down, separated to have close fellowship with each other and learn to live a different kind of lifestyle must realize that what God requiring from us. He requires from us to love one another as Jesus loved us. And thus God will know that we love Him. Let us love and thus live for Him with the life which He has given us through His sacrifice on the cross, realizing that we cannot do anything without Him! And there no other option for us to live differently. We must live the Agape-lifestyle!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions.
(Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).



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Pray for the protection from the fanatics who hate the Gospel
Pray for this our on-going monthly ministry and it's needs
Pray for our 6 village Pastors' monthly assistance in this pandemic

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for your
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