

THE "CURE-ALL" REMEDY

Luke 10:25-37

Introduction: In the midst of strife, sufferings, chaos, fears and frustration we ask desperately, "My God, what shall I do?" "Tell me what to believe, how can I escape from all this mess?" Everyone at one time or other has and will cry out in distress seeking relief, answers, help, throwing up the hands in defeat and questioning, "why me?"

Truly this is a question which needs answering today. The strain of our modern living has become too great. The majority of our nation's hospitals are occupied by patients suffering from some form of mental or psychological problem. An increasing percentage of babies born today will be confined to a hospital with some form of mental illness at some time during its lifetime. A great portion of these patients are literally sick at heart and soul. They haven't had a nervous break-down nor have they lost their minds. They have lost themselves! They have disappeared into the worlds of their own creation in an attempt to escape the real world.

What is the answer for all of this anxiety?

- Our forefathers complained of being run-down but we of this century are not run-down, we are wound-up. We have it much easier than our forefathers but we have more uneasiness. We have less cause for anxiety, yet we are more anxious. We cry, "Is there no end?" So, what is the answer?

Christ has the answer.

"Love God, love all mankind, love sincerely and deeply..."

- This is the eternal message of Jesus Christ. This is what Christianity is all about. Here is the simple, formula for our time. Having love, you have everything. Without love, you are nothing. Paul made it even more clear in *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*.
- Jesus is not interested in what you have led the world to believe/think you are, or what you think that you are. Jesus is interested in what you really are as revealed by your conduct.

Things in our generation have changed.

- Our world has shrunk and we can not talk to those on the other side of the world whenever we like.
- Many doctors are afraid to reveal their identity and offer medical aid in an emergency because of the past experiences of other doctors who did offer their help and were later sued and taken court by those very people they helped.
- We say that the opposite of love is hatred, but we have invented something else. In our generation the opposite of love is **cold indifference**.
- We very coolly turn our backs on people we are too busy or proud to notice. We justify this by thinking that there is nothing in common, they are peculiar. When really it is because we don't want to have any difficulties. It is too troublesome and so we turn our backs on them.
- We have become like the Pharisees of the Bible: proud, self-righteous, highly critical and have no more than a formal knowledge of Jesus and His teachings. Cannot see any wrongs or errors in their own lives and found no reason to reform or change their way of life. Yet they spent most of their time pointing out the things wrong with everyone else. Instead of offering help, they turned their backs.

- The people of our time are full of success, glory and we fancy ourselves to be very spiritual and look down the nose with contempt and indifference at those who are full of errors and conceit and are devoid of any love.
- The American people are leading the world in divorces. Ask the person who has gone through several marriages and you will be told that he/she would rather have loved one wife/husband permanently than so many others periodically. Ask the divorcee who has faced the courts and he/she will tell you that he/she had rather have had one mate that he/she loved than all the others.
- The leaders of tomorrow are the children of today whose lives have been torn and frustrated by their parents' divorces. We cannot have great leaders and responsible citizens in the future unless the parents of today know and show love, the kind which Jesus teaches.
- We have come to accept divorce as natural and inevitable thus divorce has come to be a characteristic of the American people.

To Jesus, love is not something to be looked for but should be overflowing from every person.

- Love should be plentiful and none should have to look around for it and no one should be void of it.
- It is easy to love our friends and be kind to them but to hurt and hate those with whom we differ. Even among thieves there is honor. They respect and help each other. They hate their enemies but have a sense of loyalty to each other.
- This type of feelings of affection, confined to only those within our own little circle is not Christian love. It is merely a little extension of our own ego and ignorant pride.
- It is easy for us to love our nation, our government, our people and at the same time to hate those] of other nations who are different.
- As long as the human race is divided into friends and enemies, there will be chaos and misery as we see it today.
- Unless we are truly inspired by a sincere and universal love, the wealth and resources of this world will continually be poured into weapons of destruction and hate. If we as Americans consider ourselves to be spiritual beings, God's children, then we must be God-like.
- This is the wisdom of Jesus. This is His gospel - that we love one another.
- Each of us has within us the power to love, but we are so often afraid of this power or unwilling to express it.

What is this love Jesus says we must have?

- Where does it come from? How do we discover it? How can we practice it?
- This type of love comes from deep inside. It makes us tender, kind and gentle to all our fellow beings. It cannot be turned on and off. It is a permanent thing.
- The only way to attain this kind of love is by **loving**.
 - We learned to speak by speaking.
 - We learned to study by studying.
 - We learned to run by running.
 - We learned to work by working.
 - We therefore learn to love by loving.

CONCLUSION:

- Two thousand years ago, speaking in the deserts of Palestine to a few disciples, Jesus was saying that just as He loved them, they should love one another.
- No matter what our problem is, the solution is Jesus and His type of love.
- God stands ready and anxious to pour out His love upon you and all you need to do to receive this abundant love is to believe in His Son, Jesus, confess Him before others and you will be saved and receive His love gift of eternal life.
- Christian, have you been showing the type of love Jesus demands? Or have you been selfish and indifferent with those around you?
- All of us need to improve our love for the rest of the world. We need to love not only our little circle but everyone else, regardless of color, race, social status or wealth.
- Thankfully, God loves us all, no matter who we are. Let us now go and do likewise and cure all our ills.