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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

June 14, 2020

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

“WHERE ARE WE?”

Luke 10:37= And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, go and do likewise.

My Christian brothers and sisters, it is imperative for all of us to understand this morning, that love is the most essential element of one's relationship with God! Let me give you my thesis statement one more time: Love is the most essential element of one's relationship with God. We must understand, that car manufacturers use symbols in order to identify their brand. They have logos of various kinds that even if you don't read the name, it becomes clear who made it. When we see a Mercedes Benz symbol, we know it's a Mercedes Benz because of the symbol. When we see a Cadillac symbol, we know it's a Cadillac because of the symbol. When we see a BMW symbol, we know it's a BMW because of the symbol. When we see these symbols, we don't have to ask what kind of car it is because the symbol has revealed to us the identification of that particular car. Clothes designers are known by their trademarks or designs. You can tell if it's a Steve Harvey or O'Neil suit by the trademark. You can tell if it's a Tommy or Ralph shirt by the trademarks. They have trademarks that make them visible and very identifiable.

My Christian brothers and sisters God likewise has established a mark, a very clear mark, by which His children who have been birthed by His spirit, are known. That spiritual logo or that spiritual trademark is LOVE! Jesus said "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

WHERE ARE WE!!

Here in our text this morning Jesus is using a parable in order to reveal spiritual truth. That's what a parable is this morning, it is an illustrated story that reveals spiritual truth.

Let us look at verses 25-29 so we can lift **point number one**.

1: RESTORATION: (healing, renewal, repair). Restoration is a gift from God. God's capacity for restoring life is beyond our understanding. This expert in the law was quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. He correctly understood that the law demanded total devotion to God and love for one's neighbor. In verse 29 the lawyer is trying to justify his lack of love. The lack of love is often easy to justify, even though it is never right. The lawyer had good head knowledge but his heart relationship with God was awful. Jesus is trying to restore this lawyer, heal this lawyer and repair this lawyer. Our neighbor is anyone of any race, creed or social background who is in need. Love means acting to meet the person's need.

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Let us glean from verses 30-36 and we will discover **point number two**.

2: RESOURCES: (Assistance, Help, Power).

Our resources are given to us by God. This Samaritan could have used several excuses in order not to help this Jewish man but he realized that God has blessed him with the resources to help this Jewish man. God has given us excellent resources to build and expand God's kingdom. God will call us to account for our use of HIS resources. **WHERE ARE WE?**

As I close from the text, Let's unpack verse 37, so we can pin point, **point number three**.

3: RESPONSIBILITY (Integrity, Obedience, Trustworthiness).

We should love our neighbors as ourselves. It is vital for us to understand this morning that loving others as ourselves means to be actively working to see that their needs are met. Wherever you live there are needy people close by. There is no good reason for refusing to help. People who focus on others rather than on themselves have **REST, PEACE & JOY**.

WHERE ARE WE??

I LOVE BEING YOUR PASTOR

PASTOR WHITE

HOT DOG

SERMONIC HYMN – SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

#321 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there a bright and morning star shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

REFRAIN: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020



-TODAY –9:00 a.m. – HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION. Pastor White's message will be shown live on FaceBook.. Enjoy other messages and services at church website: johnschapelamec.org

EARLIER TIME FOR WORSHIP – 9:00 A.M. WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE LOWER!

--We will continue our current worship system until the AME Church issues guidance, which the Pastor will pass along to us. In the meantime, please continue to pray, and heed all public directives regarding the **Coronavirus Pandemic. STAY SAFE – STAY HOME** as much as possible Stay abreast of the latest directives. www.cdc.gov <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> www.aarp.org

--Pastor White presents: **“SERMON DASH”**. You may receive a hard copy or a CD/DVD of sermons via text, phone call, e-mail or word of mouth, etc., and we will get the sermon to you.

--Bishop Seawright has announced dates of the upcoming series of Annual Conferences: Tuesday, September 29 – Friday, October 2, 2020. Format for meetings and services will be virtual – not in person. Components have been asked to select dates for their annual days between August and November 2020. These and other details are pending.

-- JC Vacation Bible School: Monday-Friday, June 21-25. Pizza Party at the Boys and Girls' Club at 3:30-5:00 on Friday. More details to come Sister LauReen McDaniel.

--FATHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY. All ladies are asked to see Sister Marge today or no later than next Sunday before worship service begins. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for more info.

--MONDAY – FRIDAY. Summer Feeding program. Carry-out Meals for Children ages 1-18 here at JC 11:00 a.m. For more info, please see Pastor White.

--EACH WEDNESDAY – JC Bible Study via conference call - 7:00 p.m. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936

--EACH SUNDAY – Worship service at **9:00 a.m.** Church School Lesson Summary **10:15-10:45** via conference call. Dial-in # **605-313-5111** Access code **737936**. Grab & Go – **10:45-11:45**; Drive Up Worship in Cars – **12 Noon**

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- Pastor White is asking Class Leaders to please check on all class members to see how they are doing and also inquire if they have completed the Census. If not, please emphasize the importance, and let them know help is available.

Volunteers: LauReen McDaniel 334-470-1816; Franklin Simmons 334-494-2377; & Marge Simmons 334-477-1962.

26 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING! If you haven't completed the census, please do so today and let Sister Marge know. Check out the website at www.census2020.gov and encourage others to respond. .

PRAYER LIST Week of June 14-20, 2020

-- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland)
--Sister Eleanor Bailey
-- Jennifer Bigham – Doing well at home
-- Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414-
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Sister Brenda Crawford
--Sister Debra Fay Brown – Bereavement
--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones
--**Ms Fay, lives in another state – A believer asked us to pray for her sister to have a closer walk with God**
--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
--Sister Ruby Grayer
--Sister Dorothy Holmes
--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden



--Sister Constance Jones & Family
--Sister Mable Mays
--Sister Ann McGaughey
--Dr. Russell Nichols—Driving & Back at work
--Sister Minnie Powell, Mother of Sis. White
--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White
--Sister Johnnie Sanders
--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson
--Sister Eloise Williams
--**The United States of America & the World**
***New entries in bold print**
Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 17
June 19

Hilda Blake
Aniyah Taylor

June 20

LaToya Chambers



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 16 2007

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Boykins (Lois)