

## Who is my neighbor? A Grateful Heart – part 2 October 16, 2004

1) \_\_\_\_\_ goes beyond \_\_\_\_\_ and embraces \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_!

- O people, the LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to **do what is right**, to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly with your God**. Mic 6:8 NLT
- For **I desire mercy, not sacrifice**, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. Hos 6:6 NIV

2) The **grateful** heart sees beyond: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and calls \_\_\_\_\_ people **neighbor**.

- But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "**Go and do likewise.**" Luke 10:29-37 NIV

3) God's \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom is to be experienced \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

- "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **preach good news to the poor**. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and **recovery of sight for the blind**, to release **the oppressed**, to **proclaim** the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 NIV
- "**Speak up for those who cannot speak** for themselves, stand for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; **defend the rights of the poor and needy.**" Prov 31:8-9 NIV
- After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, **from every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Rev 7:9-10

4) \_\_\_\_\_ your heart \_\_\_\_\_ for in a little while we are going home.

- So if anyone eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily, that person is guilty of sinning against the body and the blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking from the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup unworthily, not honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died. 1 Cor 11:27-30 NLT
- Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16 NIV