

You may not be able to identify your neighbor

John 13:1-17 (NAB)

25 And he took a certain large towel, and girded himself, saying, "Now then, what shall I do to identify myself to you?"

26 He said to him, "Father is within in the house? Father is your neighbor?"

27 So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself?"

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

29 And he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "But **who is my neighbor?**"

30 Then Jesus answered and said, "It is certain that some sheep have been taken to the left, and left among thieves, who brought him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."

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33 But a certain **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 So he came to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine, and the oil from his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you."

36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

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The Patient Disciple

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Patiently enduring grief from fellow believers

How did God love me?

Is a Christian necessarily identifiable?

For the Christian, **disciples**, it's all about how and what we think:

Critical growth results in **comparable identifiable traits of the Lord Jesus Christ**

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