Christian's Responsibility Toward His Fellow Man

Luke 10:25-37

Introduction:
A. A Christian must not isolate himself from his neighbors in the world.
   1. Must be “salt” and “light” to him (Matt. 5:13,14)
   2. Must associate or go out of world. (cf. 1 Cor. 5:9,10)
B. A Christian has three basic responsibilities to his fellow man.

Discussion:
I. Love Him. (Lk. 10:27)
A. Love in deed. (Lk. 10:30-37; cf. 1 John 3:18).
C. "Love" is not always synonym for "like".
   1. *Philo* - *Phileo* is emotional, fraternal or sentimental love. A close friendship.
   2. *Agape* - *Agapeo* is love is a social and moral sense. (Strong). A moral commitment. Active good will.

II. Bear His Burdens. (Gal. 6:1-10)
A. Guilt Burdens. (v. 1)
B. Financial Burdens.
   1. Each has responsibility to provide for self and his own. (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).
C. Physical and Emotional Burdens.
   1. Sickness. (Matt. 25:43; Jas. 5:14,15).
      a. Avoid tiring visits.
      b. Avoid discouraging words.
   3. Other misfortunes: Persecution, job loss, etc
D. Responsibility Burdens.
   1. The burdens of parenthood. (Eph. 6:4)
   2. The burdens of youth. (cf. 2 Tim. 2:22)
   3. The Burdens of leadership.
      a. Civil.
      b. Civic.
      d. Do we lighten or add to these burdens of our fellow man.

III. Seek His Salvation (Luke 19:10).
A. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. (John 4)
B. Paul's attitude and example. (Rom. 1:13-16; 9:3; 10:1-3).
C. Involves appropriate measures.
   1. To convert aliens. (Mark 16:15,16).
   2. To convert backsliders. (Jas. 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1).

Conclusion:
A. Let us love, help, and save all of our fellowmen possible.
B. We must truly be salt and light to our fellow man while we live in this world.