

## Samaritan - cont.

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### **A Thankful Samaritan**

In the same gospel of Luke, Jesus told about another Samaritan with good character. This Samaritan was a leper who was healed and he was thankful for his healing (Luke 17:11-19). Out of ten lepers who were healed, this Samaritan was the only one who returned to glorify God and thank Jesus when the others would not.

In an ungrateful world today (Romans 1:21), are you thankful for the blessings that Jesus gives to you (1 Thessalonians 5:18)?

### **An Obedient Samaritan**

The last example of a desirable Samaritan comes from the book of Acts. There were some Samaritans who heard Philip preach the gospel and they believed and obeyed the gospel (Acts 8:5-13,25; 9:31). They believed and obeyed the powerful gospel even when they had been previously misled.

In a disobedient world today (Titus 1:16), are you obedient after hearing the gospel (1 Peter 1:2,14,22)? Friend, are you a Samaritan? Why not have these good qualities in your life today?  
- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- Your courage to stand for truth and righteousness is tested when you are in the minority.
- If you are not prepared to live, you are not prepared to die.
- Honesty and humility are two great qualities lacking in many today.
- Love that can be bought is not worth taking home.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Are You A Samaritan?

Are you a Samaritan? Maybe a better question would be: Are you like the Samaritans mentioned in the Bible? Do you have the same good character that they had?

To understand the Samaritans, you have to start in the Old Testament about 700 years before the time of Jesus. The Samaritans were a mixed breed of Jews and Gentiles from the Assyrian captivity who practiced a mixed religion. They were known at this time for their worldliness and compromise (2 Kings 17:22-24, 29-33).

By the time of the New Testament, the Samaritans were considered outcasts and rejects by the Jews. The Jews had no dealings with a Samaritan (John 4:9). The Samaritans had built their own temple in Mt. Gerizim (John 4:20) and they would not worship in Jerusalem (Ezra 4:1-3; Nehemiah 4:2). The interesting thing, however, is that Samaritans were lowly esteemed in Jesus' day (John 8:48), but they are held up in scripture as examples to follow! Are you like the Samaritans? Let's see.

## A Truth-Seeking Samaritan

One Samaritan that we read about in the gospel of John was a woman at a

well whom Jesus met. She was a confused, but truth-seeking Samaritan and Jesus taught her the truth (John 4:5-29). She was confused about many things such as her social interaction, water, marriage, worship, the Messianic identity, etc. But, she accepted the truth of Jesus.

In a post-modern world today which denies truth, are you a truth-seeker like



this Samaritan woman (Prov. 23:23; John 8:32; Acts 8:26ff; 1 Timothy 4:3; 2 John 1)?

## A Convinced Samaritan

In the same gospel account in John, we learn about some other commendable Samaritans. These Samaritans were the ones who were brought to Jesus by the woman.

She went and found other Samaritans to bring to Jesus and they were convinced of the truth as well (John 4:39-41). They listened to eye-witness testimony of the woman and then they came and investigated Jesus for themselves and were convinced of the truth.

In an unbelieving world today (2 Corinthians 4:4), are you convinced of the truth based upon an investigation and examination of the evidence of God's word (Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31; Acts 17:11-12; 1 John 4:1-6)?

## A Good Samaritan

In Luke 10, Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus was answering the question: Who is my neighbor? So, Jesus used the example of a Samaritan who was neighborly (Luke 10:25-27). This Samaritan was selfless, compassionate and caring toward the needy (a man who had been robbed, beaten, and left half dead) when others were not.

In a selfish world today (2 Timothy 3:2), are you good and neighborly toward the needy (Galatians 6:10; Colossians 3:12; Hebrews 10:34; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 John 3:17)?

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