Luke 10:25-28

**25**On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**26**“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

**27**He answered, “‘**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind**’**[[a](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A25-37&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-25391a" \o "See footnote a)]**; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**[**[**b**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A25-37&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25391b)**]**”

**28**“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “**Do this and you will live**.”

We were made to **live** a full life in relationship with God- knowing His will for our lives and enjoying His love for us! But instead, each of us has broken God’s law, the command to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Breaking that law is called sin. If we don’t love God the way that we were meant to, we are in sin, and under the punishment of death, separation from God- the true giver of all life!

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
    each of us has turned to our own way;

Romans 6:23

**For the wages of sin is death**

Romans 3:23

… for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

This, believe it or not, is a pretty good description for our world today! Here is the explanation for all the heartache, turmoil, and sadness in the world. We are seeing the impact of our sin! It is the result of our rejection of God. All over the world, different peoples in their own ways forget God, and serve their own gods, some with false names and other that are unnamed. The two most prevalent in this area are **greed and power**, and following after, giving our hearts to these things not only causes wars, poverty, injustice, etc- but it also causes the hurt and shame of our own broken relationships here on Earth.

**But it gets better**. God has promised us **new life** and forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ! Although we see pain now because of our sin, what we really deserve is eternal death, separation from God. Instead, Jesus died in our place! He took the sins of His people on Himself when He died on the cross for our forgiveness! He rose again on the third day, showing us that through faith in Him we can be **saved** from the death and punishment of our sins, saved even from the grip of sins that control us if we call on His name. Through faith in Jesus Christ we are welcomed to be part of **God’s family again**! His Power has overcome sin and death!

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
    he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
    **and by his wounds we are healed**.

Romans 5

**6**You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7**Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us**.

Romans 10:9-13

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**.**10**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **11**As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”**[**[**e**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28200e)**]** **12**For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13**for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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**12**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God**—**13**children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.