

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had **compassion**." (Luke 10:33)

"The Samaritan is called 'a neighbor' because his actions were those of a **caring person**." (New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine 87)

"[The parable of the Good Samaritan] treats of charity towards the neighbor, and of good works by which **charity is in its effect and in its fullness**. ... The 'Samaritan' signifies the nations that were in the good of charity;... 'To be moved with compassion' signifies mercy and charity from within, mercy and charity also forming a one;... 'Oil' in the Word signifying the **good of love**, and 'wine' the **good and truth of faith**; 'To set him on his own beast' signifies according to his understanding so far as he was able, ... 'He gave to the host two denarii, and said to him, Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, when I come back again I will repay you,' signifies **all things of charity in the measure of his ability and capacity**." (Apocalypse Explained 444:14)

"'Oil' stands for the good of celestial love, and 'wine' for the good of spiritual love. ... 'He poured on oil and wine' means that **he performed the works of love and charity**, 'oil' being the good of love." (Secrets of Heaven 6377:7)

"[The parable of the Good Samaritan was] used to describe **charity towards the neighbor**, in a natural way for the benefit of people in the world and in a spiritual way for the benefit of angels in heaven." (Secrets of Heaven 9057)

"To those who are in charity, **the reward** consists in being able to show kindness, and in being allowed to do so, and **in the kindness being accepted**." (Secrets of Heaven 3956)

"We are to love people according to the type of goodness they have inside. It is the goodness itself, then, that is actually our neighbor. ... **Everyone is our neighbor, and people come in an infinite variety**. Since we need to love them all as our neighbor for the type of goodness they possess, clearly there are genera and species of loving our neighbor, as well as higher and lower degrees of that love. ... Nevertheless, since these degrees are within people's inner selves and these are rarely obvious to the world, **it is enough to love our neighbor by the degree of goodness that we are aware of**." (True Christianity 410)

"We read that **we are to love the Lord God above all things, and our neighbor as ourselves (Luke 10:27)**. To love our neighbor as ourselves means not despising our neighbors in comparison with ourselves. It means treating them justly and not judging them wrongfully. The law of goodwill pronounced and given by the Lord himself is this: *Whatever you want people to do for you, do likewise for them. This is the Law and the Prophets. (Matt 7:12; Luke 6:31-32)* **This is how people who love heaven love their neighbor**." (True Christianity 411)

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"'Acts of kindness,' refers to helpful acts that are done outside of our work. They are called acts of kindness because we are free to do them as we please, and when we do them, the recipients see them as kindnesses and nothing else. We do them according to the reasons and intentions we have in mind as benefactors." (True Christianity 425)

"As for the Word, it teaches that the first commandment and rule is to love God above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matt 22:35-40; **Luke 10:25-28**). Paul teaches that there are three things that contribute to our salvation, and **the greatest of these is goodwill** (1st Corinthians 13:13)." (True Christianity 722.2)

"As for the fact that **religion is about how we live and that the [religious] way to live is to do good**, everyone who reads the Word sees this and acknowledges it on reading it... the Lord teaches in parables that works are what make us part of the church and that our salvation depends on them.... See, for example... **the parable of the Samaritan** who bound up the wounds of the man beaten by robbers (Luke 10:30-37)." (The Doctrine of Life 2)

"Love always wants **what is good for others**." (Divine Providence 324.6)

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness." (Galatians 5:22)

"Blessed be the Lord, for He has shown me His marvelous **kindness**." (Psalm 31:21)