

be around; and a man “full of”-“covered with” leprosy, who everybody else threw rocks at.

We saw last week that we are to do this because: (1) God **created** every human being; (2) Jesus **gave His life** for every human being {1 John 2:1-4}; (3) and Jesus **sends us** to share the gospel with every human being (Matthew 28:18-20). The final reason is that (4) **God can change any human being.**

Biblical “love” does not mean we have to “like” a person or agree with the life they are living. There is no group I dislike more than the KKK. I saw one of their parades when I was eight years old, and asked my Mama why they wore masks. She said, “They are cowards who hide their faces to hurt people.”

In the 1960s in Mississippi, two young black boys who grew up in the area were walking down the road. Two evil men grabbed them, took them to a secluded spot by a river and tortured them for hours. Then they tied them to an engine block and threw them into the river alive. The FBI found out who did it, along with the details and where the bodies were. They got their information from an anonymous informer, given a code name like “RP 120.” He would not come forward, so the men were not put on trial.

The killers stayed free. This all changed thirty years later. In 1999 ABC’s “20/20” reported that the case had been reopened. Mystery witness “RP 120” came forward to testify. He was the leader, the “Grand Wizard” of the KKK when all this happened. ABC showed films of him screaming and preaching hate, violence and the use of guns against blacks and interfering whites. The killers, proud of what they had done, had come and shared with him the horrible details - especially how the frightened boys begged over and over for their lives.

The former leader told Connie Chung, “That picture stayed with me. I couldn’t eat. I couldn’t

sleep. I couldn’t live with myself because of what happened to those boys and the part my teaching hatred played in it.” He said he had to turn his friends in, to find forgiveness. He also said he was still trying to find it. I hope some good Mississippi pastor told him about Jesus.

JESUS - A REAL HUMAN BEING

“He had to be made like His brothers in every way.” (Hebrews 2:17)

Simon Peter and Jesus were playing golf in heaven and they came to a hole where they had to hit over water. Peter hit a “six iron” (which goes farther than a “seven iron”) and it landed on the green. Jesus hit a seven iron and the ball went in the water.

He borrowed a ball from Peter and prepared to hit it. Peter said, “Lord, You need to hit a six iron.” The Lord replied, “Arnold Palmer would hit a seven.” It went in the water again. He asked Peter for another ball and Peter asked Him to please hit a six iron. Again, the Lord said, “Arnold Palmer would hit a seven”.

This happened several times and they gave out of balls. The Lord asked Peter to go swim out, dive down and get a ball. Peter, mad about Him continuing to use a seven iron, refused. The Lord went down to the lake and began walking on the water to where the balls went in.

Other golfers, waiting their turn to play, walked up, saw Him in the distance walking on the water, and asked Peter, “Who does that Fellow think He is, Jesus?” Peter said, “No, He thinks He is Arnold Palmer.”

To some this might seem sacrilegious, but to me it is the best illustration I know that shows Jesus was a real human being.

On earth, Jesus could have used His divine power to escape the cross, but He chose not to.