

Intro:

Main Point of Text: All citizens have a responsibility to take precautions to protect other people and their property; and all citizens are responsible to make restitution for any loss they cause to their neighbor.

Sermon Point: *Christ ransomed your life.*

Move 1: You have a responsibility to protect your neighbor and his property from harm.

Responsibility not always guilt: vs. 28 (Gen. 9:5), 35; unless negligent (vss. 29, 33-34, 36).

Move 2: You must recompense any loss caused to your neighbor by something that is yours.

Vss. 28-29: to protect everyone else, you lose property. Even more if careless: 32, 33-36. Even more, if your neglect of a known risk leads to someone's death, you should die: vs. 29.

Move 3: Life is precious and costly to God, especially human life.

Vs. 28-29 reflects Gen. 9:5-6: image of God to be highly valued/protected from murder/involuntary manslaughter through capital punishment. Ransom might be paid: vss. 30-31. Substitutionary atonement being taught as necessary if not self, but also possible. Gen. 22/Heb. 11:17-19. John 1:29. Isa. 53:5/1 Pet. 2:24. What did they pay for Christ?: vs. 32. Gen. 37:28; Zech. 11:12, 13; Mt. 26:15; 27:3, 9. *For even the Son of man came ... to give his life a ransom for many.* (Mar 10:45). 1 Tim. 2:5-6. Mat. 26:27-28. Acts. 20:28.

Conclusion:

Christ ransomed your life.