

Sermon on the Mount Series
"Jesus Teaches on Love"
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

Love Your Enemies - Matthew 5:43-48

Matthew 5:43 **"You have heard that it was said,** 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'" (Emphasis added.)

- Leviticus 19:18 "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

Matthew 5:44 **"But I say to you,** love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you..." (Emphasis added.)

- Love them.
- Bless them.
- Do good to them.
- Pray for them.

Matthew 5:45-48 "...that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

- Perfect = G5046 *telios* completeness, of full age
- Be like God in your love; be mature in your love.
- Following Jesus is all about learning to love others like Jesus loves them.

Romans 12:17

"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men."

Romans 12:21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."