

ENEMIES

Based on the command of Christ #10 – “Love your enemies”.

“WHAT???”

Luke 6:27–36

27 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

I. Jesus said to love your enemies!

1. Jesus said to do good to your enemy! WHAT???

2. Jesus said to speak well of your enemy! WHAT???

1 Peter 2:23 - "When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate."

Luke 6:29 - "If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also"

Matthew 5:39 - "If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

3. Jesus said to pray for your enemy! WHAT???

II. The result of loving your enemies:

1. *"Your reward will be great." (vs. 35a)*

2. *"You will be children of the Most High." (vs. 35b)*

Matthew 12:36 (ESV) – "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak"

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