

**Let's Practice Jesus' Blessed Life!
Jesus' Sermon On The Mount Teaches Us How To Build Our Home Wisely**

Love Your Enemies
Matthew 5:43-48

_____ does the Bible really say?

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **V. 43**

Leviticus 19:18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

In Jesus day there was a wall to keep Gentiles from getting closer to the Temple; the sign at the wall's gate read:

NO FOREIGNER IS TO GO BEYOND THE BALUSTRADE AND THE PLAZA OF THE TEMPLE ZONE WHOEVER IS CAUGHT DOING SO WILL HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME FOR HIS DEATH WHICH WILL FOLLOW

_____ does Jesus teach us to treat our enemies?

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **V. 44**

Look at the kind of love Jesus _____.

1 John 3: 16 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.”

1 John 4:7 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.”

Galatians 5:23 “The fruit of the Spirit is love,”

Jesus' love is not an emotion or strength of will, but God's spirit enabling us to yield to God's will.

Remember how Jesus loved His _____.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through his death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—**Colossians 1:21, 22**

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, have been reconciled, shall we saved through his life!

Romans 5:10

Listen to how Jesus _____ for His enemies.
“Father, forgive them”

_____ are we to love our enemies?

To give _____ .
that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. V. 45

To receive God’s _____ .
If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Vs. 46, 47

To be _____ .
Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. V. 48

APPLICATIONS:

1. **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord.**
Matthew 5:3
2. **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**
Romans 12:17-21; 1 John 3:18
3. **Let God take care of you.**
Psalm 23:5; Proverbs 16:7
3. **Love your “enemies” who are family members.**

Next Sunday: *“When you give...your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Matthew 6:1-4