

## The Sermon on the Plain part 2

Luke 6:27-38

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
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### Four commands about how to treat enemies

- **Luke 6:27, 28**  
But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

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### Four acts of hostility from enemies

- **Luke 6:22**  
Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.

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Four reproaches and four responses

■ Hate you (Luke 6:22)	■ Love (Luke 6:27)
■ Ostracize you (Luke 6:22)	■ Do good (Luke 6:27)
■ Cast insults (Luke 6:22)	■ Bless (Luke 6:28)
■ Spurn you name as evil (Luke 6:22)	■ Pray for (Luke 6:28)

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Treating enemies right under the Old Covenant

■ **Exodus 23:4, 5**

If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him. If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying helpless under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him.

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Four examples of how to treat one's enemies

■ **Luke 6:29, 30**

Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

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
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## The Golden Rule

- **Luke 6:31**  
And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way.
- **Leviticus 19:18**  
You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

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
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## Christian love must go beyond what is common in the world

- **Luke 6:32**  
And if you love those who love you, what credit [*charis*] is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

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
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## *Charis* “grace” used as “favor”

- **1Peter 2:19, 20**  
For this finds favor [*charis*], if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor [*charis*] with God.

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
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 Called to extraordinary deeds of love

■ **Luke 6:33, 34**

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same amount.

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
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 Christian love modeled after the character of God

■ **Luke 6:35**

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

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
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 We should show mercy and seek the restoration of sinners

■ **Luke 6:36, 37**

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. And do not judge and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.

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
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The believer's generosity will be rewarded by God's generosity

■ **Luke 6:38**

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

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
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**Applications**

- 1) Do not let anything extinguish your Christian love.
- 2) Seek the welfare of your enemies.
- 3) Understand the universal love of God.

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
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- 1) Do not let anything extinguish your Christian love.

■ **1Corinthians 13:6**

[Love] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.

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
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 1) Do not let anything extinguish your Christian love.

■ **Matthew 24:11, 12**

And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. [lit. "the love of the many"]

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
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 1) Do not let anything extinguish your Christian love.

■ **Revelation 2:2, 4**

I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false . . . But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

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
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 2) Seek the welfare of your enemies.

■ **James 5:20**

let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

■ **1Peter 4:8**

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

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 2) Seek the welfare of your enemies.

■ **Romans 12:20**

“But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.”

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 3) Understand the universal love of God.

■ **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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 3) Understand the universal love of God.

■ **Titus 3:4, 5**

But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

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
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 3) Understand the universal love of God.

■ **Matthew 5:44, 45**

“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

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