

Loving Your Enemies

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”

Sermon Questions

1. “Love your enemies” is a common religious idea in most religions today. (Yes/No)
2. If we are following Jesus and have no “enemies,” this is a warning sign of _____.
3. List the three important observations about the four commands Jesus gives:
 - i. These commands are _____.
 - ii. These commands call for a disproportionate _____.
 - iii. These commands require proper _____.
4. It's key to understand the distinction between law and gospel, AND to say both are good. (Yes/No)
5. Which of the Jesus' four examples would be most difficult for you?

6. Verse 31 is sometimes called: The _____.
7. How do we love our enemies? Not by being like the world, but by being like _____.
8. What are the two ways mentioned in which we can love like God does?
 - i. We _____ what we admire and love.
 - ii. We love because he first _____.
9. The key to loving our enemies is to know _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Who are your enemies or opponents? Are they your enemies because of your obedience to Christ? What is it about your obedience that has caused this?

2. How can you tangibly love your enemies this week? Can you begin by praying for them each day?

3. If loving your enemies seems impossible, what does that tell you about your knowledge of God, his love, mercy, and grace towards sinners like you? How can you learn and meditate more on God rather than upon the pain caused by your enemies?

4. Have you been an opponent or enemy to a believer in Christ that necessitates your repentance and seeking forgiveness? Or is repentance required for how you've treated your enemies? When?