

**“Love your Enemies” is More
Than Not Hurting Them
Matthew 5:43-48**

Main point: Be an _____ of God by being loving to all people

What wrong teaching prompted Jesus to say this?

Matthew 5:43

The _____ Jesus was confronting was wrong in two ways:

1. The Pharisees were defining “_____” incorrectly
Luke 10:25-29
Matthew 19:18-21
2. The Pharisees were twisting the _____ judgment
of God into a principle of _____ hatred

How does Jesus interpret and teach the Law?

Matthew 5:44

Jesus teaches the Law _____ by explaining:

1. We should define “neighbor” rightly and consider
_____ our neighbor (even our enemies)
2. We should not see it as our individual job to repay evil
with punishment but we are called to return _____ for
evil and _____ for hatred

Love-purposely doing _____ for another out a desire to
_____ God and _____ the other person

Jesus being the _____ Law Giver, the _____ Law
explainer, and the _____ Law obeyer understands the heart
and intention of the Law

Matthew 22:34-40
Romans 13:8-10

Why should we do this?

Jesus explains that _____ of God should act like their
Heavenly _____

Matthew 5:45

God _____ loves (purposely does good) all people
Matthew 5:45

-Understanding the difference between
_____ and _____ love prevents one
from falling into the heresy of universalism

How is this possible?

Only by having a heart that has been made _____ by the gospel is
this possible-This “love your enemies” was _____ done for us
Romans 5:10
1 John 4:10-11

The good news of Jesus Christ _____ us from our bondage to
sin (loving self more than all others)

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

_____ can love those people who love them but only
_____ can begin to truly love all people
Matthew 5:46-47

As Christians are transformed by the gospel they will begin to
_____ in their love-being like God in the way that they
show love to others simply because it is in their _____

Matthew 5:48
Deuteronomy 18:13
Ephesians 5:1-2

Application

Are you modeling worldly love or godly love to your wife, children,
parents, co-workers, etc?

Remember that the key to being a loving person is to constantly
remind yourself of the undeserved love of God that you have
received.