

Distinctive Mark

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Matthew 5:38-48

It is human nature to fight back whenever we are threatened, whenever we are treated unjustly, or whenever we are hurt. However, it is godly to show mercy and love, even when we don't get the treatment we hoped for.

The fact we are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us is the very distinctive mark we carry as Christians. It is good to know that the love God shared with us is sufficient to help us to love our enemies. It might not be an easy task. Yet, we can see God working in our lives when we do so. It is a matter of faith and trust in the Lord who loves us—as well those who hurt us. His redemption plan includes all humanity, even our enemies!

That does not mean we will remain in the place of suffering just for the amusement of our enemies. But, it means we will pray for those who persecute us. It means that whenever we have the opportunity to payback we will offer compassion instead. It also means that, when needed, we will suffer in order to create what is good.

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