

"Feeling the Love"

Matthew 5:43-48

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. The **Temptation** of Jesus Christ
- B. The **First Disciples** of Jesus Christ
- C. The **First Miracle** of Jesus Christ
- D. The **Conversation of Nicodemus** with Jesus Christ
- E. The **Conversation with the Woman at Jacob's well** with Jesus Christ
- F. The **Galilean Ministry** of Jesus
- G. The **Trip to Jerusalem** of Jesus
- H. The **Ministry** of Jesus with His disciples
- I. The **Sermon** on the Mount

The purpose of the Sermon was to **instruct** those who believed on Christ as Messiah and to **condemn** those who had not yet done so.

Jesus raises the **level** of righteousness from a relative human standard to a **divine** standard

Jesus shows that mankind cannot **reach** this level of righteousness

For those who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah, it puts forth the righteous **principles** to be **employed** by faith as Jews until the kingdom is set up.

The sermon also contains **trans-dispensational principles** which are to be applied by faith for the believer **today**

Matthew 5:43-48 is the **sixth** of **six units** that begin "You have heard that it was said, but I say to you"

I. Jesus mentions the **Incorrect Teaching** (5:43)

1. The Pharisees taught that you should _____ your neighbor and _____ your enemy

* How did the Jews define a "neighbor"?

* Does the law teach anywhere that you are to hate your neighbor?

* How did Jesus define a neighbor?

2. The scribes and Pharisees used God's hatred for evil to allow _____
_____ against people.

II. Jesus mentions the Divine Teaching (5:44-48)

1. Jesus' message to the hearers is that you are to _____ your personal enemies

2. You are to _____ those who curse you & _____ to those who hate you

3. You are to _____ for those who _____ and
_____ you

4. The basis for loving your enemies is _____

5. When we love our enemies, we _____ that we are God's children.

6. You are to love your enemies because God is _____ to _____

7. To emphasize the supernatural source of this love, Jesus offers a _____
of _____ love with _____ love.

8. Verse 48 serves as a _____ for the first part of this sermon

* What does this mean to you?