

**Sunday, 8 October 2023**

**Love Your Enemies – Matthew 5:43-48**

Jesus taught us that we should love our enemies. What did Jesus mean, and how can we love our enemies? We will learn that in today's sermon titled *Love Your Enemies*.

- 1 God is an example of how we can love our enemies – Matthew 5:43-45
  - 1.1 Love takes the first step – John 3:16
  
  - 1.2 God loves His enemies – Romans 5:8-10
  
  - 1.3 Love forgives – Ephesians 4:23-5:2
  
  - 1.4 Love your enemies by praying for, blessing, and doing good to them – Matthew 5:44, Matthew 5:16
  
- 2 The rewards for loving your enemies – Matthew 5:46-48
  - 2.1 The rewards of loving your enemies – Matthew 5:46-47, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
  
  - 2.2 Loving as God loves produces spiritual maturity – Matthew 5:48, 1 John 2:6
  
  - 2.3 Loving your enemies will cause them to glorify God – Matthew 5:16
  
  - 2.4 Loving, forgiving, praying for, blessing your enemies will set you free from the hurt and evil they do – John 8:31-32

Conclusion: Love your enemies and you will be free from the hurt and evil they do to you. Be like God, love, pray for, bless, and do good to your enemies. You will be free from the evil they do to you, and they will begin to glorify God.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways can we love our enemies?
2. What are the rewards for loving your enemies?