



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 6:27-35 (NAS)

Topic: "Extreme Love"

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- 27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.
29 "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.
30 "Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.
31 "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.
32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.
33 "If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
34 "If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount.
35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

I. EXTREME LOVE

- A. It's Commanded
- B. It's Difficult
- C. It's For All Christians *Matthew 22:35-39*

II. WHO IS TO BE LOVED?

- A. Our Neighbors
- B. Our Enemies
- C. The Reminder That We Were Enemies *Romans 5:1*

III. THE KIND OF LOVE

- A. Agape—God's Kind Of Love

B. Not A Feeling Based Love

C. It Is An Action Based On An Attitude Of The Heart

IV. WHO WILL LOVE THIS WAY?

- A. Those Who Have Ears To Hear
- B. Those Who Realize They Were Enemies Of God

V. HOW ARE WE TO LOVE?

- A. Bless Your Enemy – Speak Good Of Them
- B. Pray For Their Salvation
- C. Turn The Other Cheek
- D. Relinquish Your Rights

VI. THE GOLDEN RULE

- A. For Enemies
- B. For All Relationships

VII. WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT EASY LOVE

- A. Loving People Who Will Love You Back
- B. Love Where There Will Be Rewards For You
- C. He Is Speaking About Emulating God's Love