

The Jesus Way
How Jesus Changed The Way We View “Enemies”

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Matthew 5:43 *You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”*

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Luke 6:27-31 *Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic...Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

Luke 9:54-55 *When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.*

3. **Understand what** _____
Romans 2:4 *Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?*

Luke 6:32-36 *If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that...But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

Matthew 5:44-45 *But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.*

When people make it their goal to ruin my life, I will treat them with kindness, like I wish they would treat me.

When people hate me, I return their hatred by trying to figure out how to do good to them.

When people curse me, I return it with a blessing.

When people treat me terribly, I pray for God’s blessing in their lives.

Proverbs 24:17-18 *Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice, or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him.*

Romans 12:14-21 *Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. ... Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD. Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.*