



# *Pastor's Comments*

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## **Love Your Enemies**

This Sunday, October 10 at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., our church will begin studying the **10th** of the **49 "Commands of Christ"**, which is "**Love Your Enemies.**"

Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them** that curse you, **do good to them** that hate you, and **pray for them** which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44).

I invite you to join us as we learn how to distinguish **our enemies** (personal, political, and religious enemies) from **God's enemies**. We will study the three challenging ways that Jesus gives to demonstrate God's love and **how to: bless them** that curse us, **do good to** those that hate us, and **pray for** those who persecute us. Focusing on Christ's command to **return good for evil** exposes our natural weaknesses and thus **our desperate spiritual need**. This leads us to humbly acknowledge our human failures in repentance and to seek and draw from the One Who is alone **The Source** of our need! "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17). We will also see how this command reveals Christ Who reflects God's strategy to win the devotion of those who hate Him.

Christ's final command was "Go... and teach all nations... Teaching them **to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you**" (Mt. 28:19-20). Our objective is to learn and to obey all **49 commands of Christ!**

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