

Wednesday Devotional

March 12, 2025

Scripture: Matthew 5: 43 – 48

This piece of Scripture is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This is where Jesus teaches us how love is mixed into the Law. We are living in a very hateful world and this Scripture may seem odd or difficult to many people. Our culture teaches the opposite and social media has thrown gas on top of the fire. Look how easy it is to type a message on Facebook to put down another person we don't agree with. This piece of Scripture needs to be chewed on. Jesus is our example. He stood up for Truth, but He treated people with love. He was tough when needed – with Church leaders, the Pharisees. We are to be salt in this hateful world. When one starts to hate those around them, they have lost their saltiness. Let's make sure we ask Jesus for His Spirit to help us to be a loving people.



Love Your Enemies

This story was told of General Robert E. Lee: Hearing General Lee speak in the highest terms to President Davis about a certain officer, greatly astonished, said to him, "General, do you not know that the man of whom you speak so highly to the President is one of your bitterest enemies, and misses no chance to malign you?" "Yes, I know," replied General Lee, "but the President asked *my opinion of him, not his opinion of me.*"