

Victory's Voice

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Jesus said: Love your Enemies!

We as genuine followers of Jesus are commanded by Jesus to love our enemies. Remember Jesus made it clear, because the world would hate Jesus they would also hate us who follow Him. (John 15:18-25) Yet, Jesus commands that we love all people including our enemies! (Matt. 5: 43-48) Here is an article by David Wilkerson on this very subject:

Representing Christ

God's command to love our enemies can seem like bitter, distasteful medicine. But like the castor oil I had to swallow in my youth, it is medicine that heals.

Jesus states very clearly: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44, NKJV).

Was Jesus contradicting the law here? Not at all. He was reversing the spirit of flesh that had entered the law. At that time, Jews loved only other Jews. A Jew wasn't to shake hands with a Gentile or even allow his robe to swish against an outsider's clothing. Yet, this was not the spirit of the holy law instructing: "If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For so you will heap coals of fire on

his head, and the Lord will reward you" (Proverbs 25:21-22).

We can hate the immoral actions of those in government. We can hate the sins of homosexuals, abortionists, and all Christ despisers. But the Lord commands us to love them as people—people for whom Jesus died—and he commands us to pray for them. If at any time I despise a person rather than the principle behind that person, I am not truly representing Christ.

I witnessed a homosexual parade on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Two hundred and fifty thousand people marched, many half-nude and some carrying signs proclaiming, "God is Gay." I also witnessed them break ranks and jump on Christians carrying signs that read "God HATES Your Sin—But He Loves You."

I blushed with hot anger. I felt like calling down Sodom-like fire upon them. But in reflection, I said to my heart, "I am like the disciples who wanted to call down fire and consume those who rejected Jesus."

Love your enemies! Love those in-your-face militant sinners! Pray for them! Bless them that curse you! That is exactly what Jesus said. So do it!

Until the trumpet sounds, 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Pastor George

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HOLINESS

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When I speak of total trust in Christ, I mean not only trust in His *saving* power but trust in His *keeping* power. We have to trust His Spirit to make our life conform to His—that is, to keep us in Christ.

Think about it—at one time you were alienated, cut off from God by wicked works. What good work did you do to make things right with Him? None! No one has ever been able to make himself holy. Rather, we are brought into Christ's holiness by faith alone.

Yes, He wants your practical, daily walk to measure up to your faith walk. Yet the fact is, we have to believe Him even for that. We must trust in Him to give us the Holy Spirit, who will conform us to Christ's likeness in our daily walk.

“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—if indeed you continue in the faith” (Colossians 1:21-23).

Note the phrase, “*if* you continue in the faith.” Jesus is saying, “Just continue trusting Me, living by faith, and I will present you as clean, faultless and holy before the Father.” That is the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

There is but one holiness, and it is Christ's. It is foolish to measure yourself against some other person you picture as being holy. Never look at another Christian and say, “Oh, I wish I were as holy as he.” You may struggle more often and make more mistakes—but he is no more accepted by the Father than you are.

Dearly beloved, here is the ground upon which you are to live: “I claim my holiness that is in Christ Jesus. My Father sees me as holy because I am in Christ.”



August Calendar

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| 1 Sat Equip America Zoom Event | 10:30 am |
| 2 Sun Communion Service | 11 am |
| 8 Sat Men's Breakfast | 8 am |
| 22 Sat Evangelism Outreach | 9-11 am |
| Weather Permitting | |
| 30 Sun Children's Recognition and Promotion Service | 11 am |

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