



“JUSTICE AND LOVE”

Series: “LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT”, Part 7 of 19

Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 5:38-48

Big Idea: In our interpersonal relationships, God is calling us to not repay evil for evil and demand justice for ourselves personally, but rather to kill people with kindness.

1. **This passage is speaking to individual disciples.**
2. **To interpret this passage well, you need some sanctified common sense.**

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Matthew 5:38-39, You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39 But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.”

Matthew 5:40, And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

Matthew 5:41, “If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”

Matthew 5:42, “Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

Matthew 5:43-47, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

Romans 12:20-21, “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Matthew 5:48, Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.