

Questions Jesus is Asking- How are you different?  
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Matthew 5:43-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,<sup>45</sup> that you may be children 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.<sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?<sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, **what are you doing more than others?** Do not even pagans do that?<sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Romans 5:10

"For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;<sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price."

Matthew 5:47

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**BIG QUESTION:**  
**How am I to be different?**

**A Different View of the World**

Matthew 5:43-45

Judges 21:25 (NKJV)

"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Biblical World View...

- Everything begins with God
- Everything begins with what God says
- Everything God says is GOOD

**A Different View of Love**

Matthew 5:46-47

**Biblical Words for Love**

- Storge- family love

- Philia- friendly love
- Eros- physical love
- Agape- God's Love

Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Agape Love

- Is a choice
- Is active not Passive
- Wants the best for others

Matthew 5:48

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