

## Introduction

- A BETTER righteousness
- The God who demands righteousness FROM us is also the giver of righteousness TO us in Jesus Christ.
- A righteousness of the HEART

**Big Idea:** Loving those that agree with us is easy. Loving those that disagree with us is much harder. Loving our enemies is impossible without God's help. However, when we are obedient by God's grace, loving our enemies transforms both ourselves and sometimes even our enemies. It demonstrates God's radical, sacrificial love displayed by the cross.

### I. The MEANING of loving our enemies

#### A. The Pharisees' MISINTERPRETATION and false TEACHING

- Leviticus 19:18
- Luke 10:25-29
- Leviticus 19:33-34
- Proverbs 25:21-22

#### B. Jesus' INTERPRETATION and EXPLANATION EXPERIENCED by each one of us

1. If you are FOLLOWING Jesus, you will have ENEMIES
  
2. It is loving to CORRECT false ideas about GOD and His Word
  
3. Love by LISTENING TO your enemies
  
4. Love by PRAYING FOR your enemies
  - Acts 7:58-60
  - Luke 23:33-34

## II. The FOUNDATION of loving our enemies

- Romans 5:8-10
- Colossians 1:21-22

## III. The MANNER of loving our enemies

- Luke 6:35-36
- Psalm 85:10
- Romans 12:17-21

## IV. The CONSEQUENCES of not loving our enemies day to be a uniter not a divider!