YOUR KINGDOM COME

Kingdom Living

Loving Enemies & Praying for Persecutors

Matthew 5:43-47

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, You are love. You love us. For in sending your only Son into the world you have manifested your perfect, amazing love. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent Jesus, his Son, to be the propitiation for our sins. O what love that while we were yet sinners, enemies of the cross, Christ died for us. By your Spirit reveal and expose our definition of love, our aim and end for loving others. Take to us the cross again this morning, LORD, reminding us of your loving us to the end, loving us by giving. Loosen our grip of the things of the world, our comforts, our pleasures, our toys which keep us from loving others and grant us eyes to see the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ, our Savior and loving LORD. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

- 1. The Leaders' Perception of the Law (v. 43)
- 2. Jesus' Prescription for Kingdom Love (vv. 44-47)
 - A. The Call for this Love (v. 44)
 - B. The Aim for this Love (v. 45a)
 - C. The Basis for this Love (v. 45b)
 - D. The Proof for this Love (vv. 46-47)

Central Textual Truth

Kingdom Citizens Love our Enemies & Pray for our Persecutors.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to love our enemies & pray for those who persecute us.