

Preserving Our Brotherly Love

Matthew 5:21-26

Main Point:

Instead of being angry, Jesus wants you to love one another by quickly being reconciled in times of conflict.

1. In order for you to keep the Law for Him, Jesus teaches you what the Law truly requires.
2. Like murder, being angry with someone is a violation of the 6th Commandment.
3. Instead of being angry, Jesus wants you to love one another as He has loved you.
4. Preserve your loving relationships with one another by quickly being reconciled in times of conflict.

Quotations and Cross-References

Sinclair Ferguson "The real contrast in this section is between the meaning of the law *according to Jesus* and the meaning of the law *according to religious tradition and the ancient teachers.*"

Genesis 9:6 ⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. (NKJV)

Psalms 4:4a ⁴ Be angry, and do not sin ... (NKJV)

Ephesians 4:31-5:2 ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you. ¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 13:4a ⁴ Love is patient and kind ... (ESV)

1 John 3:15-16 ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. (NKJV)

Philippians 2:3-8 ³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. (NKJV)

John 15:12 ¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (NKJV)

Matthew 18:15 ¹⁵ "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. (NKJV)

Ephesians 4:26b ²⁶ ... do not let the sun go down on your anger (ESV)

Colossians 1:21-22 ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him. (ESV)