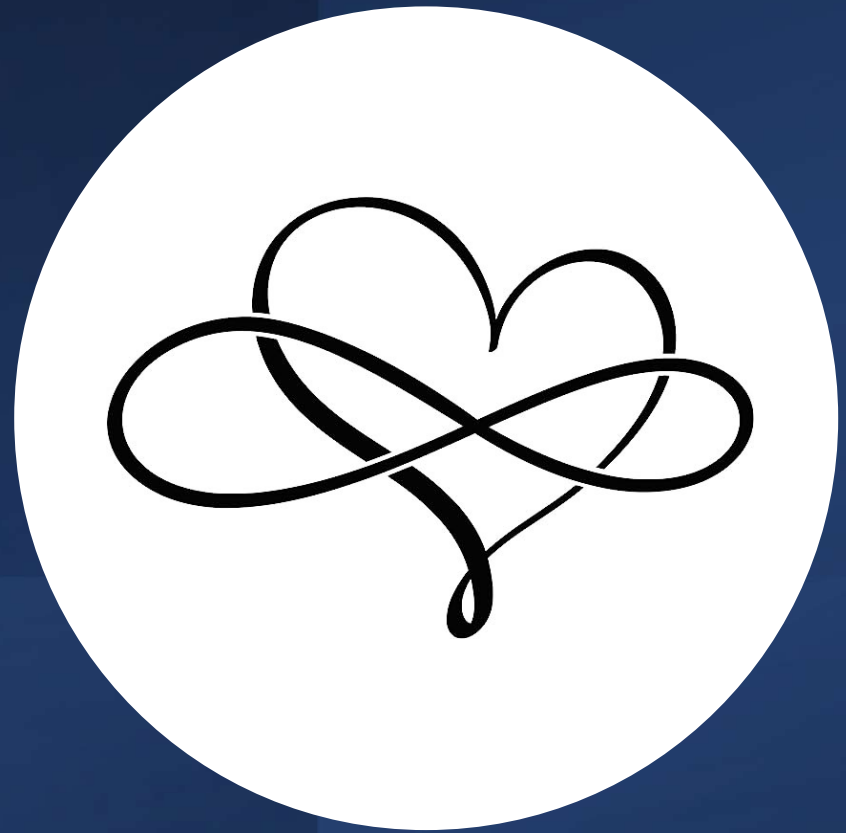




“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you...” – Luke 6:27

# Limitless Love

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Paona



# You who hear

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“But I say to you who  
hear...” (Lk. 6:27)

He who has an ear  
let him hear what  
the Spirit says to  
the churches.

Revelation 2:7

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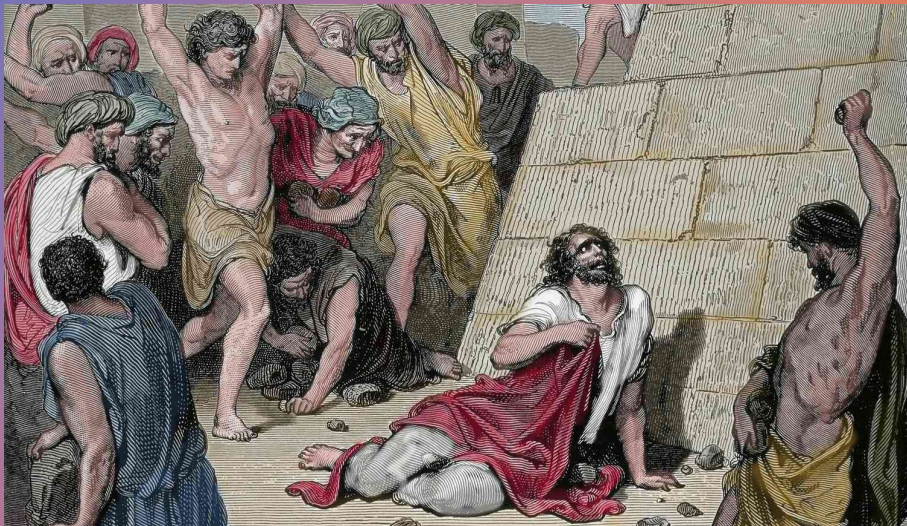
## 1. Void of Retaliation

- “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...” (Lk. 6:27)
- EX: Saul pursues David
- “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him...” (1 Sam. 24:6)
- What is our response to those who hate us?

# 1. Void of Retaliation

- “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously..." (1 Pet. 2:19-23)





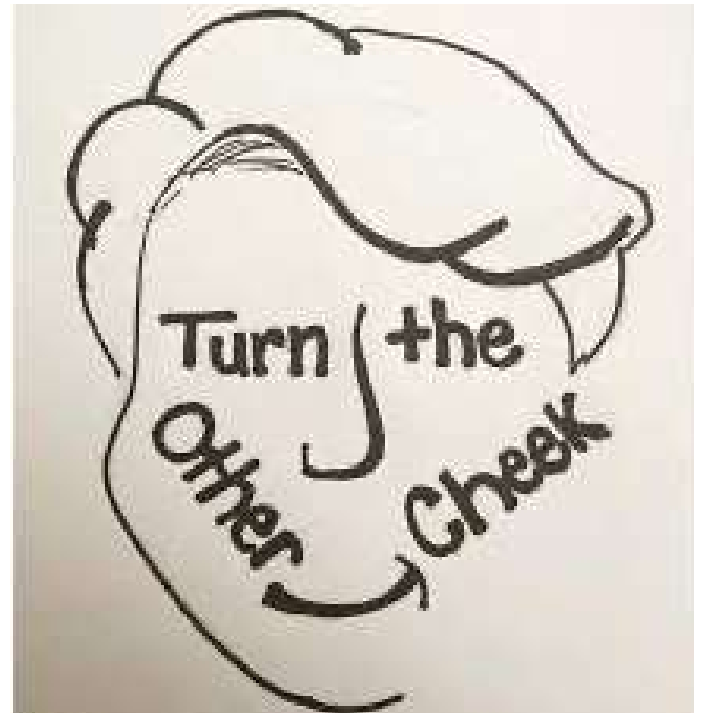
## 2. Filled with Grace

- “...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.” (Lk. 6:27-28)
- EX: The Lord Jesus on the Cross
- EX: St. Stephen

### 3. Determined

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- “To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.”  
(Lk. 6:29-30)
1. Limit at insults
  2. Limit at theft (possessions)
  3. Limit at those in debt



### 3. Determined

“But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.” (Lk. 6:32-34)





## 4. Unconditional

- “And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.” (Lk. 6:31)
- Not based on how someone treats you
- “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” (Lk. 6:37)



## Conclusion

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“But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.” (Lk. 6:35)

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“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Lk. 6:38)

## Conclusion

Why is this limitless love so important?

- *“If then the result had been that the disciples had become indignant at these vexations, and wished for vengeance on those that annoyed them, they would have kept silence and passed them by, no longer offering them the divine message, nor calling them to the knowledge of the truth.” (St. Cyril of Alexandria)*





# Conclusion

## Love your enemies

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*"But our mistaken preconceived ideas, and the fierce tyranny of our passions, render it a thing difficult for our minds to accomplish: and therefore knowing that the natural man does not admit of these things, regarding as folly and mere impossibilities the oracles of the Spirit, He separates such from those able to hear, and says, "I speak unto you that hear and are prepared readily to perform My words."\* For the gloriousness of spiritual fortitude is displayed in temptations and labours." (St. Cyril of Alexandria)*