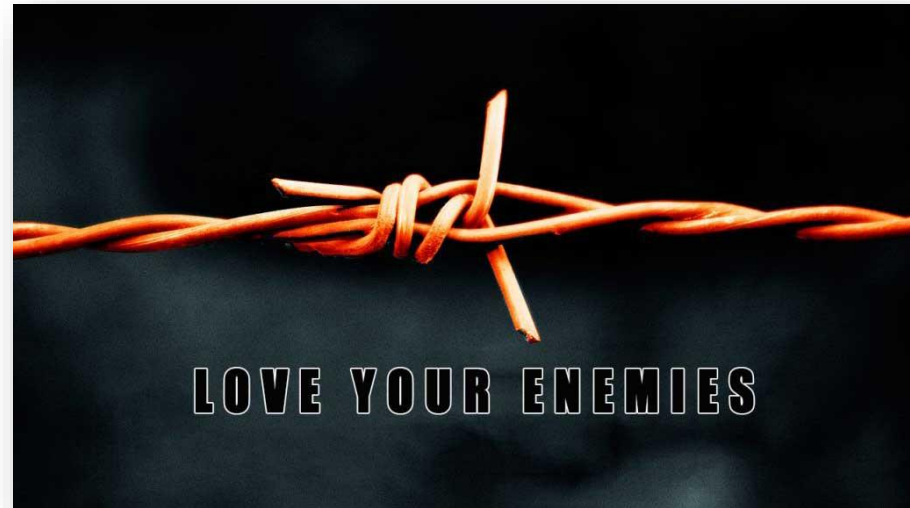


**“For He is
kind to the
unthankful
and evil”**

Luke 6:35



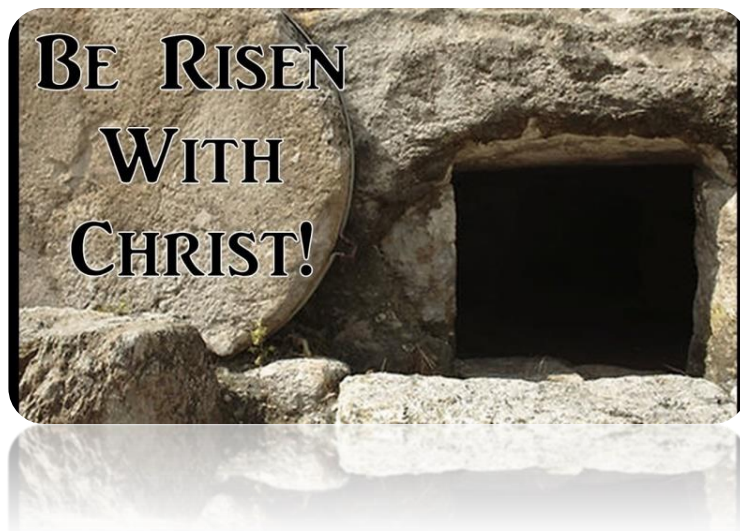
Why and
how ought
we do good
to those who
hate us?



The motives to love an enemy (1)

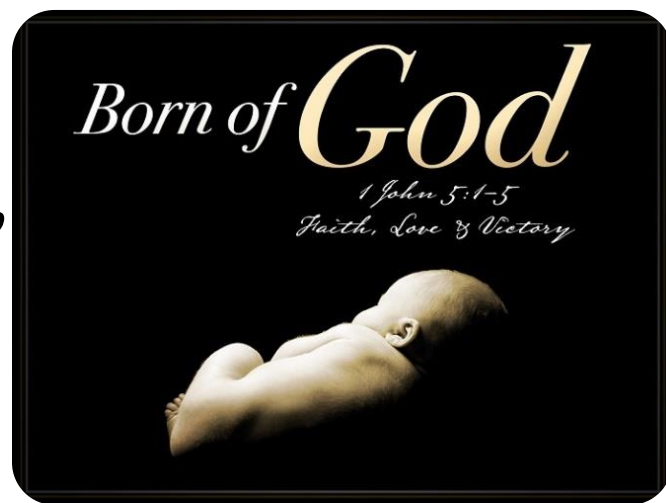
1. This is one of the marks of the resurrection in our lives:

“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren” *1 John 3:14*



The motives to love an enemy (2)

2. This is the evidence that we are born from God: “ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” *1 John 4:7*
3. Love is the only way to turn an enemy into a friend



The motives to love an enemy (3)

4. Because this is what grants

us eternal rewards:

“But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them” *Luke 6:32*



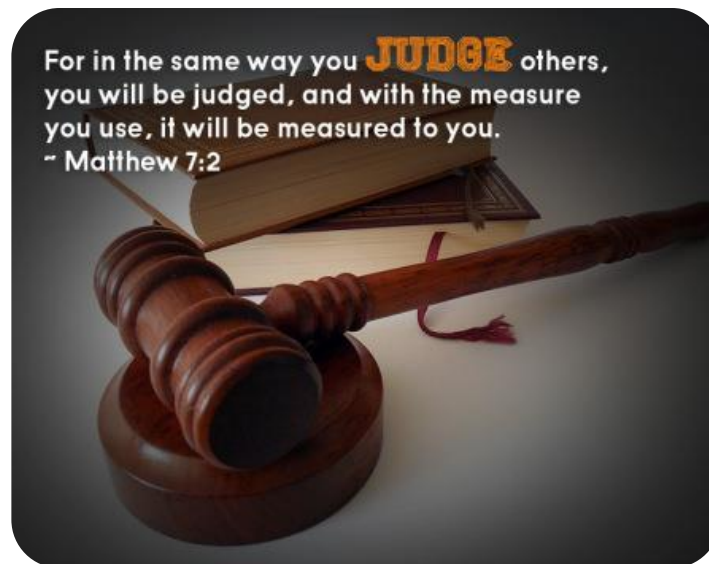
The motives to love an enemy (4)

5. We can't pursue the purity of heart while allowing hatred and grudges to dwell within us.
6. Because this is the way to receive God's mercy and forgiveness



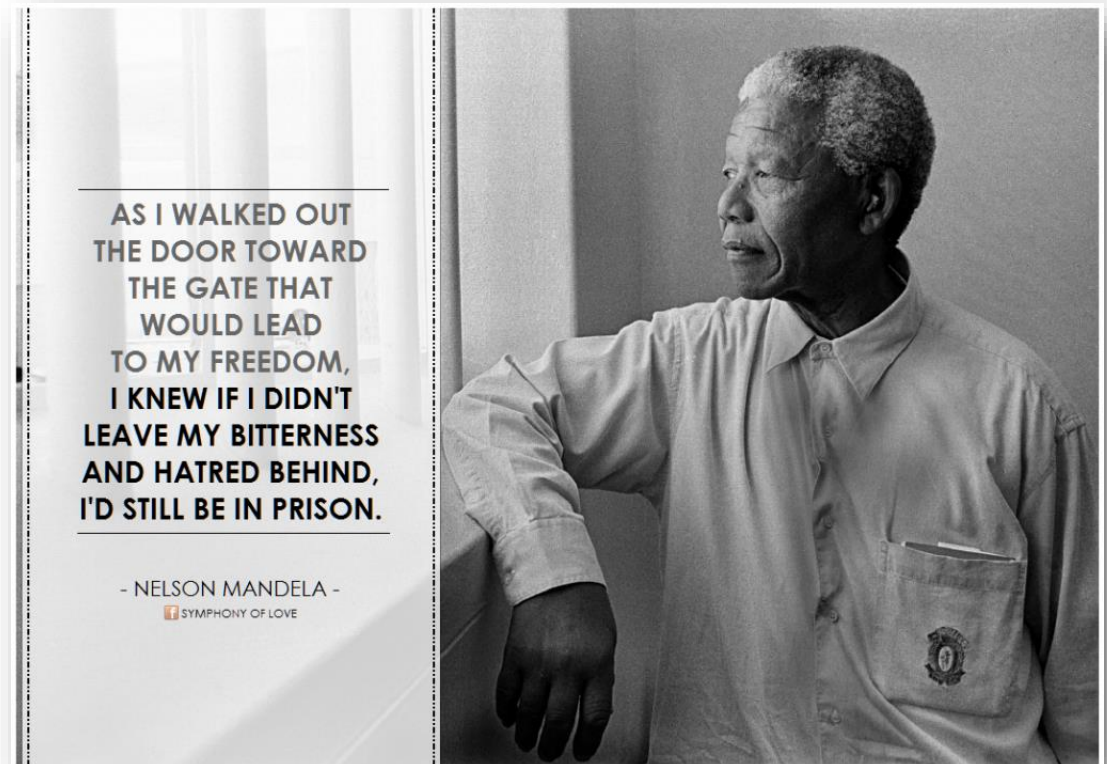
The motives to love an enemy (5)

- “With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you” *Mark 4:24*
- “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven” *Luke 6:37*



The motives to love an enemy (6)

7. This is the way to be truly free from the chains of bitterness



How to love an enemy? (1)

- Love between feelings and a decision of the will
- Love is not synonymous with friendship:
“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men”

Romans 12:18

The world says:
“Love is a feeling.”

God says:
“Love is a decision.”



How to love an enemy? (2)

1. Love may be shown in seeking no revenge:
“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath” *Romans 12:19*
2. Love is granted when we decide to pray for those who hate us



How to love an enemy? (3)

3. Love is expressed in blessing those who curse: “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse” *Romans 12:14*
- “Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat”

1 Cor. 4:12-13

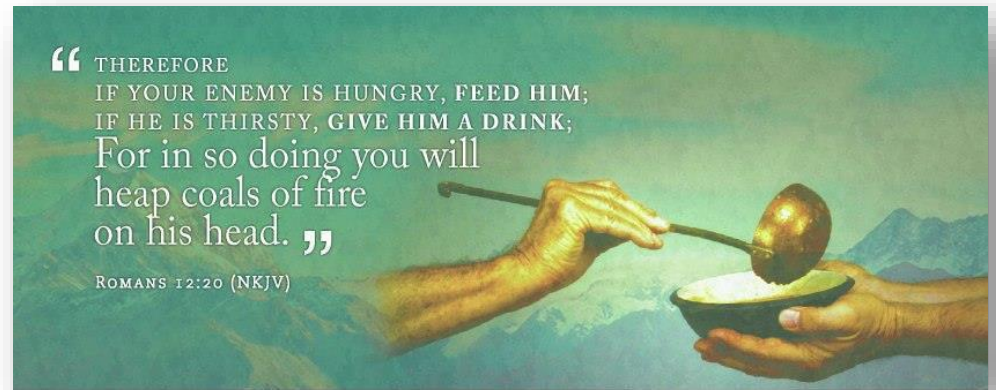


How to love an enemy? (4)

4. Love offered in the act of service:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink”

Romans 12:20



How to love an enemy? (5)

5. Love can be expressed in respecting others, being considerate to the their feelings, in commitment, in being understanding, and finding excuses for others' mistakes

