

**MATTHEW: THE KING
AND HIS KINGDOM**

The Character of a Disciple Toward Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48



Additional Scripture References

- Exodus 23:4-5
- Leviticus 19:1-4, 17-18
- Luke 23:32-34
- John 3:16
- Acts 7:59-60
- Romans 12:14-21
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- 1 Peter 1:15-23



Jesus Loved and Prayed for
His Enemies; I Must Love
and Pray for My Enemies



Who is my neighbor?



*Your neighbor includes
even your enemies.*



*With what type of love
am I to love them?*



Agape – divine love. It loves even when the object of the love is hateful or unlovely. You might say that it is love for no reason at all, or love even when there are ample reasons to discourage it. It is godlike love. This is the type of love that is to characterize our



lives as God's children. Agape love does not need to be loved back. A Christian is to love others, not as a man love friends, but as God loves.



God's Love for Me in Christ
Is in Spite of Me, Therefore
My Love for Others Must
Not Be Dependent on Who
They Are, or What They Do



If My Love Is Dependent on
Who Someone Is, or What
Actions They Do, Then My
Love Is No Different From
the World



I Must Be Perfect As My
Heavenly Father Is Perfect

