

The Attributes Of Love Pt6

Father Forgive Them

LUKE 23:33-34a

33. *And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*

34a. *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*

IMAGES OF CHRIST [59-0525] You can explain, and say the people that cry and turn the other cheek are just the old fashion. But that's the man that's reflecting Christ in his life, a man who is humble. A man who will walk with God will act like Jesus.

IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST [59-1220E]

I want to be like Him. That's my desire, to be able to turn the other cheek or go the second mile, to be able to forgive when the odds is all against you, hold nothing against anybody, though they're mistreating you rightfully--or wrongfully for your right doing, **but still love them**. That's the way I want to be. I want to be that kind of a person. I want to be able that when I'm railed upon I would rail not back. That's the kind of a Example that God gave us in Jesus Christ. We ought to be identified with Him.

REVELATION 6:9-11

9. *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*

10. *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*

11. *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

CHURCH AGE BOOK

These are not born again ones, with eternal life as their possession. They come up in the resurrection and receive life because of their stand on the Word. And notice how these are crying out for vengeance. **They cannot be bride material. The bride turns the cheek and cries, "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do."** These are Jews.

MATTHEW 6:14-15

14. *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:*

15. *But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

WHY I'M AGAINST ORGANIZED RELIGION [62-1111E]

No matter what you've done, no matter how much you've shouted, how many churches you've joined, how many feathers you've pinned into yourself, don't do it. Wait till genuinely, from your heart, you can forgive, till in your heart you have brotherly kindness. No matter if they pull a handful of beard from one side, you can turn the other cheek with sweetness, see, until those virtues, no matter what they say to you.

FROM THAT TIME [60-0716]

...please be sure of this! If God's love doesn't anchor in your heart supremely, don't you take any sensation or emotion. You be sure that you--you can turn the other cheek, that it-- that God is--Christ is all in all to you. Don't you miss it, my brother.

CHURCH ORDER [63-1226]

You don't want to get like Oswald. See? **If you can't disagree with a man and things, then shake his hand and still have the same feelings towards him, then there's something wrong with you.** If I can't disagree with a man (bitterly, from one side to the other) and still think as much of him as--as Christ would, then there's something wrong with my spirit, I haven't the Spirit of Christ. See?

THE GODHEAD EXPLAINED [61-0425B]

...I would rather be wrong in my doctrine and right in my heart, than to be right in my doctrine and wrong in my heart. See? I said, "After all, **it's your heart's condition.**"

And I made that a practice to know this, that if a man, no matter what he does and how much he differens, and what he says about me, if in my heart, not from just a duty, but from my heart I can't love that man as well as I love anyone else, then I know there's something wrong in here.

ADOPTION PT3 [60-0522M]

I preach because I love Him, and I love His people. And I... That's the reason I know I've passed from death unto Life, because that I love them, and I go after them. **No matter what kind of condition they're in; I go after them anyhow.** Go get them anyhow, pull them anyhow. If ministers disagree and others disagree, and denominations disagree, **that don't stop me.** There's something... **It didn't stop Him.**

He come right in the midst of unbelief, and it didn't stop Him; He moved right on anyhow. That's what we do: go out and get them, catch them anyhow. No matter, reach, grab, hold on with all your might. You don't know who they are. Save them. That's because of love. Not because that I have to, but because I love, because you love.

MATTHEW 5:43-44

43. *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

44. *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

THAT DAY ON CALVARY [60-0925]

Someone said, "How can you stand and let anybody call you such bad names?" **You don't live for yourself. You live for others that you might redeem that man.** You become sons. And the trouble of it is, the church has forgot they were sons. You are sons. You're taking Christ's place. You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others.

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man." That's not it. **Live for that man who hates you. Live for that person who'd kill you if they could.** That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When you get, that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [59-1223]

It's not the man. When you see a person like that, don't never think that it's the man; **it's the devil that's in the man.** Now, that maniac on the platform that night was going to kill me up in Oregon... That man, I--when he come to me, instead of... Him spitting in my face and calling me a snake in the grass before nearly ten thousand people; well, it wasn't that--it wasn't the man. He's a man that eats, drinks, sleeps, perhaps with a family, and loves, and--and just like I am or you are. But it was that devil in him that was doing that. See?

And **you never cast a devil out by the wrong attitude.** It takes love to do that. And **love is the most powerful force that there is in the world.** Now, if you notice, a devil is always hate. Hate is of the devil. And when people hate someone, remember **it is a terrible devil to despise or dislike. You mustn't do that.**

LOVE [58-0314]

The Phileo love is what you have for your wife. And a man might flirt with her or insult her and you'd shoot his brains out over her. That's what Phileo love will do. It accompanies jealousy. And many other things goes with it.

But **Agapao love would make you pray for his sinful soul.** That's the difference between the two loves. God's love is the beginning of love. It's the fountain of love. And **the church today is lacking in that,** that real Agapao love that makes you have love for your enemy.