

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#17 – “The Institution of a New Law: Love Your Enemies”  
– Luke 6:27-38

#### I. Introduction

- A. Things that human beings find hard to do.
  - 1. Examples
  - 2. Perhaps the hardest – To love your enemy.
- B. Jesus set the example, but the world does not understand it.
  - 1. Love is key.
    - a. Said in the Old Testament – Lev. 19:18
    - b. Said by Jesus – Matthew 22:34-40
  - 2. Jesus’ example
    - a. The betrayal – John 13:18-30
    - b. Jesus quote of Psalm 41:9
      - 1. John 13:18 -- Story of Ahithophel
  - 3. Yet Jesus gave the morsel as an act of friendship to Judas. – Ruth 2:14
  - 4. The Apostle Paul – Romans 5:6, 8, 10
- C. The New Law
  - 1. Reading of the text – Luke 6:27-38

#### II. Exposition

- A. Luke 6:27-28
  - 1. Those “who hear,” verse 27 – said this way because all are dead, unable to hear, until God brings them to life.
  - 2. Love your enemies.
    - a. Contrast with the world.
  - 3. Note three unnatural components of loving your enemies.
    - a. Unnatural deeds.
    - b. Unnatural words – Rom. 12:14; I Cor. 4:12, I Peter 3:9
    - c. Unnatural prayers
- B. Luke 6:29-31
  - 1. Striking the cheek and turn the other also.
    - a. Worldly way – payback.
    - b. Old Testament – *Lex Talionis* – Ex. 21:23-26;

Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21.

c. Jesus demonstrates – John 18:22

- 2. Taking the coat.
  - a. Mosaic law – Ex. 22:26; Deut. 24:13
- 3. “Give to everyone” – Matt. 6:34; Matt. 5:42
- 4. “Take away what is yours”
  - a. Robbery – MacArthur, Lenski

#### C. Luke 6:31

- 1. The Golden Rule – found in many religions and secular philosophy, but always cast in the negative, including Greek Philosophy, Confucius, the Apocryphal Book of Tobit, and the Jewish Rabbi Hillel
- 2. Jesus’ ethic – Selfless love cast in the positive.

#### D. Luke 6:32-34

- 1. Jesus’ explanation of the ethic
- 2. Jesus rejects the notion of R\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Love your E\_\_\_\_\_

#### E. Luke 6:35-36

- 1. The heart of the gospel
  - a. Mercy in the face of hatred.
  - b. Romans 5:10

#### F. Luke 6:36-38

- 1. Lending with no strings.
- 2. “Do not condemn” – Titus 3:3-7
- 3. “Pardon and you will be pardoned”
  - a. We are never more like God than when we F\_\_\_\_\_ others.

#### II. Points for Reflection

- A. The world has a lot to say about love, but has no understanding of selfless expression without expectation of return.
- B. There are four Greek words for love.
- C. Eye for eye and tooth for tooth is an Old Testament expression of God’s law given to Israel. Jesus has set a new law in place for His church.
- D. A heart full of pardoning is the badge of honor the Christian should wear prominently on the lapel of every garment.
- E. Remember the Gospel.