

Love Thy Enemy

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Mat 22:39b**

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **Mat 5:43**

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; **Mat 5:44**

Hummm. How can you love your enemy? The very term 'enemy', suggests someone to hate, someone to get even with, to get revenge on, or the better of, or at least someone to be ignored and rejected. So is it at all possible to love this 'enemy'?

Loving your neighbour is maybe not such a tall order. But your enemy? Loving a friend is a piece of cake, for they love you back. Loving your neighbour may be a bit trickier, especially if you don't particularly like that neighbour, but you can still manage to accept them. But your enemy - well.

Imagine my hand holds a heavy club hammer, and my hand brings, (with force), the hammer down on to my toe, and breaks it. It would indeed be ridiculous if my foot sought revenge on my hand, for doing this act, and began to hate my hand. It would be ridiculous because the foot and the hand are both mine, they are both a part of me. So all that the hand would be achieving, would be to hurt itself, for it is me that feels the pain. For all the members of my body are me, and for one part of my body to do harm to another part would be merely harming me.

When the body of Christ (humanity), is truly recognised for who we all are, we will see that for one human (member), of this body, to harm another, is really hurting him/herself, for we are all One. Christ is the corporate Son, and the Father and creator of all, lives through His Son. So we can recognise that our enemy is really our self and we are our enemy, for we are One. Of course our enemy quite possibly does not recognise this great fact and great truth, but we do, and because we do we can - quote - "Love our enemy, bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them which despitefully use us, and persecute us". For in truth they are us. For we are all One, for there is only One Person in the Universe, and that is God.

"Father forgive them, they don't realise what they're doing here".
(For they do not recognise to whom they do it).