



**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

**THE  
GRACE OF  
JESUS**

**MATTHEW 5:38-48**

**MESSAGE SERIES: FOLLOWING JESUS**

***You have heard that it was said...***

***But I tell you...***

**- Jesus**

## Matthew 5:38-42

*<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*

Jesus didn't just teach and preach these things; He lived them out.

We have been blessed by his grace.

## Colossians 3:12-13

***<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone....***

***....Forgive as the Lord forgave you.***

The world tells you to get revenge or get even, but Jesus is telling you to choose grace and mercy.

Grace is the key to healing, restoration, and a new day.

## Matthew 5:43-47

***43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?***

WHO IS MY ENEMY ?

HOW CAN I LOVE THEM ?



Reconciliation instead of Retaliation!

Love as God Loves!

Extend grace to others as Jesus  
has extended grace to you!

*“To be a Christian means to forgive the  
inexcusable because God has forgiven the  
inexcusable in you.” - C.S. Lewis*

*“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:48*

We can be made perfect through the grace of Jesus. So can our relationships.

As Followers of Jesus  
we are called to...

Grace, Mercy,  
Reconciliation, and Love!