

**RECLAIMING THE MISSION AND MESSAGE
OF THE CHURCH
PART 2 OF 4: LOVING GOD'S PEOPLE**

Matthew 5:43-48 Love for Enemies

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? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Abraham Lincoln

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With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

The Greek language has four different terms that can be translated LOVE:

1. Philia _____
2. Storge _____
3. Eros _____
4. Agape _____

Who is it in your life that you need to start loving?

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