

# *The Greatest of These . . .*

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

### **I. What Does It Mean to Love Your Enemy?**

A. Loving your enemy means seeking their good before God

Matthew 5:43-44

Leviticus 19:18

Romans 12:20-21

B. Loving our enemy means refusing to let hatred rule in our heart

Ephesians 4:31-32

C. Loving our enemy means acting like your Father

Matthew 5:45

Romans 5:8

### **II. What Love for Enemies Looks Like”**

A. It blesses instead of curses

Luke 6:27-28

1 Peter 3:9

Galatians 6:10

### **III. What Loving Your Enemy Does Not Mean**

A. It does not mean calling evil good

Isaiah 5:20

B. Love and trust are not the same thing.

Luke 17:3

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C. For there are certain things forgiveness will not do . . .

John 2:24

#### **IV. How Jesus Demonstrated Love for His Enemies**

A. Jesus loved those who rejected Him

John 1:11

Matthew 23:37

B. Jesus loved those who betrayed and denied Him

John 13:1

C. Jesus loved those who crucified and demeaned Him

Luke 23:34-35

1 Peter 2:21-23

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Matthew 5:46

Romans 5:10

Proverbs 3:5

Luke 13:3

Acts 22:16