



You are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a people
for his own possession, that you
may proclaim the excellencies of
him who called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



21 & 22 August 2021

Trinity Twelve

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Contemporary Service

Saturday, 5pm, via Zoom

Sermon Topic
Overcoming Failures!
by Ruth Komathi
Proverbs 13:12-16

Sunday Service

8.45am, Main Sanctuary

Scripture Readings

First Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Topic
Loving Your Enemies
by Pastor Leon Stewart



THE KEY TO RADICAL LOVE

Devotional by John Piper,
www.desiringgod.org

One of the questions I posed while preaching on loving our enemies from Matthew 5:44 was, How do you love the people who kidnap you and then kill you?

How can we do this? Where does the power to love like this come from? Just think how astonishing this is when it appears in the real world! Could anything show the truth and power and reality of Christ more than this?

I believe Jesus gives us the key to this radical, self-sacrificing love, described in Matthew 5:44, earlier in the very same chapter.

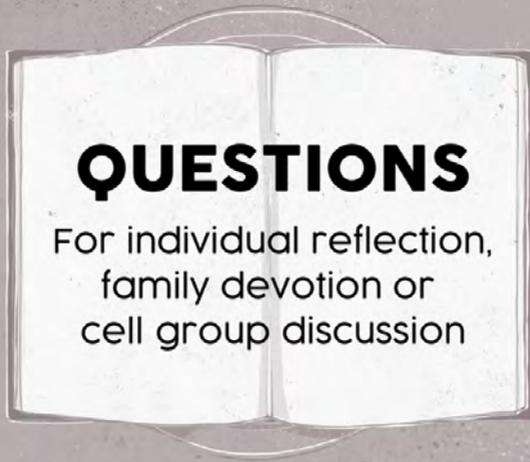
In Matthew 5:11–12, he is again talking about being persecuted, just like he was when he said in Matthew 5:44, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” What is remarkable about these verses is that Jesus says that you are able not only to endure the mistreatment of the enemy, but rejoice in it. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you. . . . Rejoice and be glad.”

This seems even more beyond our reach than praying for our enemies or doing good to them. If I could do this humanly impossible thing — namely, rejoice in being persecuted — then it would be possible to love my persecutors. If the miracle of joy in the midst of the horror of injustice and pain and loss could happen, then the miracle of love for the perpetrators could happen too.

Jesus gives the key to joy in these verses. He says, “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.” The key to joy is faith in God’s future grace — that is, being satisfied in all that God promises to be for you. He says, “Rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven.” Our joy in persecution is the joy of heaven streaming back into this moment of horror and setting us free to love. So, this joy is the freeing power to love our enemies when they persecute us.

If that is true, then the command to love is implicitly also a command to set our minds on things that are above — all that God promises to be for us — not on things that are on the earth (Colossians 3:2).

The command to love our enemy is a command to find our hope and our deepest soul-satisfaction in God and his great reward — his future grace. The key to radical love is faith in future grace. We must be persuaded in the midst of our agony that the love of God is “better than life” (Psalm 63:3). Loving your enemy doesn’t earn you the reward of heaven. Treasuring the reward of heaven empowers you to love your enemy.



1. Who are your personal enemies (please share only with discretion and wisdom) and for what reason do you perceive them as your enemy?
2. In Ephesians 2:1-10, it shows clearly that we were God's enemy before we were his friend. How did He treat us when we were his enemy?
3. In what ways would you have an opportunity to love the person or people that you have mentioned in question 1? How do you think that the Lord would lead you to pray for them specifically?

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

28 AUGUST 2021

5PM - 6PM

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MISSION AT OUR DOOR STEP

Serving and helping others starts with those who are right in our community. Do you have a mission?

SPEAKER: TANG SHIN YONG

Zoom link: bit.ly/2VzBFra

Meeting ID: 838 611 0235

Passcode: 909305

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021



SERMON SERIES

EC Sunday Service

1 Aug: Honouring your Marriage Vow
(Matt 5:31-32)

8 Aug: Honouring your Commitment
(Matt 5:33-37)

15 Aug: Refusing Retaliation (Matt 5:38-42)

22 Aug: Loving Your Enemies
(Matt 5:43-48)

29 Aug: Serving & Giving in Humility
(Matt 6:1-4)

The "Already and Not Yet" KINGDOM

*A Perspective of the Kingdom of
God from the Old Testament*

5 Sessions via Zoom
14, 21, 28 Sept & 5, 12 Oct
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Led by Kian Siong

**Register at bit.ly/3jumrvT or
contact Joanna at 81610926**

Closing date to register: 29 August





ANGEL TREE PROJECT 2021

Let's do our bit for St Paul's outreach to the Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS) Family Care Ministry. Let's support the PFS Angel Tree Project!

HOW?

Help deliver inmates' letters, together with grocery gift vouchers, to their families. Visits will take place over Nov & Dec 2021. Each group of 2 or 3 SPC members will pay a visit to each family.

Donate towards the cost of the grocery gift vouchers.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER TO DELIVER THE LETTER AND GROCERY GIFT VOUCHER?

Click on the URL or scan the QR code below to fill up the form as a volunteer to deliver the letter and grocery gift voucher.



<https://tinyurl.com/spcatp2021>

**Please let us know your interest by
22 August 2021.**

HOW TO DONATE

Scan the QR Code for SPC Tithes & Offerings and indicate "ATP2021" under the reference no.

Alternatively, you can also mail a cheque to SPC or place your cash donation in an envelope and drop it in the offertory box during service.

Please remember to indicate "ATP2021" at the back of your cheque or envelope.

If you need any clarifications, you may find out more from Arulnathan John at 9823 0517 or Joyce Tang at 9797 0715.



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Pastoral Care

For those who require prayer or pastoral care, do drop us an email at contact@stpaulschurch.org.sg or contact the respective pastoral staff directly.

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Pastor Leon: 9199 3815

Pastor Leroy: 9710 2900

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