

# The Surpassing Law of Love

## Expression 1 - The Law of Reconciliation

### Matthew 5:23-25

- I. Blessings of Kingdom Citizen (5:1-12)
  - A. Entrance into Kingdom Citizenship.
    1. Happiness of Spiritual Poverty - Faith in Another's spiritual wealth (v. 3).
    2. Happiness of Repentant Mourning - Calling for Another's spiritual rescue (v. 4).
  - B. Traits of Kingdom Citizens.
    1. Requirement: Gentle / Result: Have Everything (v. 5 "Happy are the humble").
    2. Righteous Seekers / Happy Ending: Satisfaction (v. 6 "Happy are the hungry").
    3. Merciful / Happy Ending: Receive Mercy (v. 7 "Be happy; show mercy").
    4. Pure / Happy Ending - See God (v. 8).
    5. Peacemaker / Happy Ending - Called Sons of God (v. 9)
  - C. Resistance to Kingdom Citizenship (vv. 10-12).
- II. Illustrations of Kingdom Citizens (5:13-16).
  - A. Kingdom Citizens are the salt of Society (5:13).
    1. The Necessity of a Salty Christian (v. 13).
    2. The worthlessness of a Saltless Christian (v. 13).
  - B. Kingdom Citizens are the Light of the Land (5:14-16).
    1. Two Illustrations (v. 14-15).
    2. The Application (v. 16).
- III. The Law of Kingdom Citizens (7:17-20)

- A. The King's Relationship to the Law (vv. 17-18).
  - 1. The King and the Fulfillment of the Law (v. 17).
    - a. A Forbidden Consideration
    - b. A Fantastic Claim
  - 2. The King and the Permanence of the Law (v. 18).
    - a. The Word Will Not Fail
    - b. All Will Be Accomplished.
- B. The Citizen's Relationship to the Law (vv. 19-20).
  - 1. A Summary Prohibition - The Great warning (v. 19)
    - a. What not to do as a kingdom citizen in relationship to the law (v. 19).
    - b. What to do as a kingdom citizen in relationship to the Law (v. 19).
  - 2. A Summary Principle: The Surpassing Way (v. 20).
    - a. A Surpassing Action Required
    - b. A Stricter Incentive Given:
      - 1. Prohibition of Murder / Prohibition of Anger and Unkindness (vv. 21-25).

**Sunday, Nov 15th**

**The Priority of Reconciliation**

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- I. The Priority of Reconciliation (5:23).
  - A. A Problem - Reconciliation with Others

## B. A Scenario - Worship or Reconciliation

23 “Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

Two Way Street

The Offender

The Offended

## C. A Priority - Go and reconcile (v. 24)

24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

## II. The Penalty for Alienation (v. 25)

### A. Timing - Reconcile Quickly.

25 “Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way,

### B. Penalty - Reconcile or Pay the Penalty.

so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge,  
and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.  
26 “Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you  
have paid up the last cent.