

# *Radical Love*

Luke 6:27  
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## Introduction

- Missionary outreach to Auca Indians
- The world's view of Love: Conditional, Selective, Selfish
- Hardship, suffering brings eternal rewards—2 Corinthians 4
- Attitude of JOY in the midst of suffering.

## ***Radical Love!—Attitude toward our Persecutors***

### **A. DEFINED—What is “Radical Love”?**

1. Not approving of their conduct
2. Having compassion for them; not seeking revenge—Rom. 12:17-20

### **B. DEFENDED—Defending Radical love**

1. Not NEW or NOVEL but in line with the OT Law
  - a. Stated—Leviticus 19:18
  - b. Summarized by Jesus – Matthew 22:37-40
2. But DIFFERENT or “out of line” with Prevailing View
  - a. “Love your neighbors and hate your enemies”—Matthew 5:43
  - b. Rationale:
    - 1) Very narrow definition of “neighbor” in Leviticus 19:18
    - 2) Disregard for other Scripture that broaden definition—Leviticus 19:34
      - a) God does not have a “double standard”— Exod. 12:49; Deut. 22:1-4; Exod. 23:4-5
      - b) Jesus’ definition of “neighbor” in Luke 10—“Anyone who needs help.”
    - 3) Added to Scripture based on logic—“hate your enemies”
  - c. Objections:
    - 1) What about the commands to wipe out Israel’s enemies?
      - a) Command is “personal”, not “national”.
      - b) Role of Government: To promote the welfare of its people and to protect them from evil or punish crime.—Romans 13
      - c) God used Israel as an instrument of judgment
    - 2) What about the “imprecatory psalms”?—Psalm 69
      - a) Not personal vendettas
      - b) Proper attitude expressed in Psalm 35:12-14

### **C. DETAILED—Expansion of the concept of “Radical Love”**

1. Expressions of Radical Love—6:27-28
2. Illustrations of Radical Love—6:29-30
3. Principle of Radical Love—6:31
4. Motivation for Radical Love—6:32-36