

Matthew 5:43-48: What do ye more than others?

You can't help reading these Words of Christ without understanding and seeing that Christ expects MORE from us as children of His Kingdom!

To love your neighbor and hate your enemy is natural, worldly, everybody thinks and acts like that right?

That's how the world thinks and acts, but Christ EXPECTS MUCH MORE from you Christian, and that's because you have a BETTER righteousness than all the righteousness's of the world!

In fact, in Matthew 5:20, Jesus taught us: "That except your righteousness shall EXCEED, (or be better and more) than the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Christian, your righteousness, which you have from Christ, exceeds any righteousness in the world, therefore Christ expects MORE from you in the world. He expects that you will put His righteousness on display in the world, tell others about Him, (be witnesses of His gospel), that they might be born-again into the Kingdom of God, and be gifted with eternal life!

Herein Christ defines MORE to us, which is expected of us?

It's so sad when we as Christians are LESS than we should be. When we THINK, ACT, and SPEAK like the world, when we ARE LESS, and when WE DO LESS than what becomes a Christian!

We are no different from the world when we love our neighbors, (that is, those neighbors that we like), but we hate our enemies. (V43)

We are no different than the world, and LESS than we should be when we are loving and hating LIKE the world... (V46-47)

Beloved we are to STAND OUT, BE MORE, and DO MORE as children of God, our lives are to be luminous, we are to be completely different than the world..

Matthew 5:13-16: When we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, WE ARE DOING MORE than others!

But when we're just like the world in our actions and behaviors, and in how we speak and react in the world, in our neighborhoods, in the check-out line, in traffic, and at work... We are neither salt nor light, and most definitely NOT what and who we should be in Christ!

Proverbs 12:26: "The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor."

HOW SO? Christian, YOU are a child of the King, YOU have the privilege of access to God the Father, YOU may speak (or pray) to YOUR Father on behalf of another, who has no access to God. You want to talk about being privileged, there are none in the world more privileged than those of YOU who are "born of God"! You are able to point sinners to God!

Because of THIS ALONE, Christian, MORE is expected of you, you ought to do more and be more than others ~ to the glory of God!

Love your enemies: 1 John 3:18, Romans 12:20-21

Bless them that curse you: Romans 12:14, James 3:10, 1 Peter 3:9

Do good to them that hate you: 1 Samuel 24:16-19

Pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you: Luke 23:34a, Acts 7:60

What do ye more than others, child of God? 1 John 2:29, 3:7