

## "Excessive Righteousness"

Matthew 5: 43 - 48

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**The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12);**  
*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)*

Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)

1. We must be taught the genuine realization of righteousness, (vs. 17 - 7: 28)

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### g. Genuine Righteousness Realizes The Necessity Of Maturity, (vs. 43 - 48)

- Maturity does not misapply wisdom for its own ends, (vs. 43); *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions. " (Mark 12:31-34, ESV)*
  
- Maturity understands that kindness demonstrated does not diminish sovereignty, (vs. 44 - 45); *"In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. " (Acts 14:16-18, ESV)*
  
- Maturity accepts the burden of not returning in like kind, (vs. 46 - 48); *"Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. " (1 Corinthians 2:6-8, ESV)*

## **“To Be Or Not” Series Outline**

### **Matthew 3 - 12**

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- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
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- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)