

## Matthew 5

### God's Complete

#### I. Christ Completes Our Justice (vv. 38-42).

##### A. What the Old Covenant Justice Demands (v. 38).

**38** "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'

##### B. What the Gospel Commends (vv. 39-42).

###### 1. Turn the Other Cheek

**39** "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

###### 2. Give the Shirt off Your Back

**40** "If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

###### 3. Go the Extra Mile

**41** "Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.

###### 4. Give

**42** "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

#### II. Christ Completes Our Love (vv. 43-47).

##### A. What Old Testament Justice Tolerates (v. 43).

**43** "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

##### B. What Christ Commands

###### 1. The Practice.

**44** "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

###### 2. The Good Example.

- 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

### 3. The Bad Example

- 46 “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?  
47 “If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

### III. Conclusion – Christ Completes our Character

A Command for Our Character.

An Example for our Character.

- 48 “Therefore <sup>a</sup>you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [\*New American Standard Bible: 1995 update\*](#). (1995). (Mt 5:38–48). La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.