



# Choosing **Love** over Rights!

*"As I have Loved you,  
so you also should Love one another."*

*John 13:34*



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- Brethren, we talk a lot about rights these days don't we?
- Yet the attention given to human entitlements hasn't brought about **C**orporate or **p**ersonal **f**reedom
- Instead, most people are prisoners of **jealousy** (*You have greater rights than I do!*), **greed** (*I deserve more!*) or **bitterness** (*My rights have been violated!*)
- **TEXT: (MATTHEW 5:38 – 48)**

We  
NEED  
Jesus



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- Folks, instead of focusing on what is due them, we should follow Christ's command to love our enemies and forgive our persecutors (Matthew 5:44).
- Believers lay down their rights so they can take up the cause of a holy king.
- That doesn't mean we let people trample on us. We offer a proper response according to biblical principles.
- In short, we should be concerned about showing God's love to those who wrong us that is, persisting on privileges we assume are rightfully ours.
- Friends, Peter said the right thing (1 Peter 2:19 – 21)

**LOVE**





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**Father,  
forgive them...**





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Jesus said:  
"Father, forgive them,  
for they do not know  
what they are doing."



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