

CHRISTIANITY

FOR
SCEPTICS, ENQUIRERS & BELIEVERS

A very warm welcome

Our speaker today is Chris Fishlock

Our passage is Matthew 5:43-48

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43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ **44** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? **48** You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Talk outline

Introduction:

Show God like love

1. Love everyone - even ‘enemies’

2. Love that makes a difference

...it goes beyond what the world does (v46-47)

...it shows that we belong to God (v45a, 48)

Conclusion

Questions:

- In terms of who Christians should show love towards – what do you find surprising / challenging about this teaching?
- In terms of how Christians are to love others – what do you find surprising / challenging about this teaching?