

Outline

**Chapter 5**

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca, is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Chapter 7**

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup> "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

I. Its Necessity.

# Sermon on the Mount: The New Community

## Matthew 5: 21-24, 45-48; 7:1-6

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Jesus loves the Church and died for her. Ephesians 5:25

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34*

### II. Its Intensity.

*"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." (vss. 23-24)*

*"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hebrews 3:13*

### III. Its Balance.

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." 7:1-2*

*"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces." 7:6*

*"Speaking the truth in love." Ephesians 4:15.*

IV. Its Application.

*"I hope no reader uses Mere Christianity as an alternative to an existing Church as if can adopt Christianity in preference to congregationalism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism etc. What I am writing is about the hallway out of which doors open into several rooms. If I can bring anyone into the hallway through Mere Christianity, then I've accomplished my intent. However, it's in the rooms where you find the heat, seats, and meals, not in the hallway." C.S. Lewis, Preface to Mere Christianity*