



# The Full Gospel Church

## WHO IS THE ENEMY?



The above article that was given to me from the Wall Street Journal seems to indicate that there are many who do not know who the enemy really is. As indicated there are some who think that the Christians and Hebrews

are the enemy and not the Muslim's. Do those who think that the Christian is the enemy realize that no Christian attempted to destroy the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, but it was deluded Muslim fundamentalists who took flying lessons just to learn how to pilot jet aircraft into buildings.

There are some who erroneously believe that the Muslim religion is a religion of peace while they are the ones who are wrapping bombs around themselves and blowing up themselves along with as many others as possible. Does this sound very peaceful to you?

The Dutch and the Russians now realize that they have been drawn into the war on terror though they have tried to make peace with those who have no peace.

What is the Christian who loves Jesus Christ to do? Is he supposed to retaliate against the Muslim community in the same manor? The Bible tells us that we are to love our enemy, and to do good to those who despitely use us. We are even to be nice to the one who wants to destroy himself along with as many Christians as possible.

### Matthew 5:38-45

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:  
39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.  
40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak

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also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

This is the real teaching of Christ. We are to pray for those who hate us so much that they are willing to sacrifice their own lives to kill us. We are even told to do good to them. We are to help them even though they hate us.

Now I realize that this is contrary to what you feel like doing, but every time you following the teaching of Jesus, you are showing them what true Christianity is really like. Also, some will begin to wonder at what they have been taught. Look at the Apostle Paul who was persecuting Christians prior to his conversion.

### **Acts 9:1-23**

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered

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into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

Paul started as a crusader against Christianity and ended up as a primary Apostle and missionary to a large portion of the Roman Empire. This change came about by prayer along with the intervention of the Lord. When the saints prayed for their enemy, the enemy became a saint.

When a Muslim becomes filled with the Holy Ghost, the Muslim becomes a saint. On the other hand, if you return anger and hatred toward the Muslim, they will return in like manor. You can see this happening in Iraq with the escalation of violence and suicide bombings.

Thus the best offense against the enemy is prayer and help to those who need help. When you follow the teachings of Christ, you will see more power in love and kindness than in war

and hatred.

Remember to pray for those who are against you. Seek the Lord's wisdom and he will show you how to pray for those who hate you. Jesus is the way to peace, and only through his loving guidance is there victory.

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