

## The unheeded Christ – Loving our enemies

### Matthew's Gospel so far:

Jesus brings God's kingdom (4:17), which can't be earned by the "righteous", but is given to the spiritually poor (5:3). Those in God's kingdom will live radically different lives to those in the kingdom of this world (5:13-16). Their lives will be more righteous than that of the Pharisees (5:20). But how? God's children will obey the letter & the spirit of the law from the heart.

Who is the most influential person in history?

Why the unheeded Christ?

What is true maturity?

- a) Rejecting revenge and defensiveness v38-42
- b) Loving our enemies vv43-48

Who are our "enemies"?

"But I have no enemies!"

Love passively

Love actively

As a result of listening to God's word, jot down one or two things you believe God would have you do or pray for as a result ...