



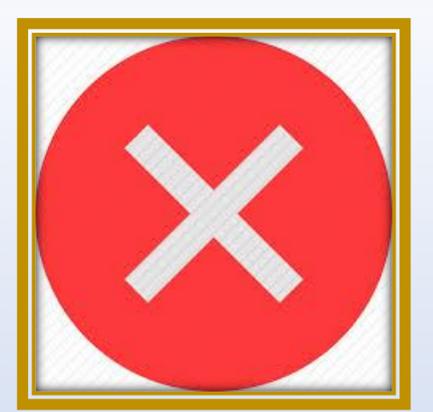
TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK





Matthew 5

- ³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.



WHAT IT IS NOT ...

- Yes to injustice and violence
- Remain in mortal danger
- To be taken advantage off



The Context

- Ethics of the Kingdom of God
- John 18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of (**‘ek’ – out of**) this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”



The Context

- **5** And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. **2** Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
 - **3** “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - **4** Blessed *are* those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
 - **5** Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.
 - **6** Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
 - **7** Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
 - **8** Blessed *are* the pure in heart,...



What it means ...



- “You have heard...” Going beyond, from the letter to the spirit.
- Not to return insult for insult
- Responding to hatred with love
- “Unnatural” to this world – challenging our behaviour
- By not taking revenge, giving peace a chance and avoiding further hurt



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- Matt 5:39 “But I tell you, do not resist an evil person ...”
- “But I say unto you, do not retaliate revengefully by evil means.”





Believers Are Salt and Light

- ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

