

Perfect Love - Part 1

by Franklin Walden

Franklin Walden's sermon emphasizes the necessity of perfect agape love among Christians, urging them to love their enemies and practice forgiveness to experience God's power and unity.

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Scripture: Luke 6:20-31, Luke 6:35, Luke 6:38

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of forgiveness and turning the other cheek. He encourages the congregation to join the 'four hundred ninety club,' meaning they should forgive their brothers and sisters seventy times seven, or four hundred and ninety times a day. The preacher also highlights the need for unity among believers, expressing disappointment in the division and lack of worship together. He quotes from the book of Luke, discussing the blessings and woes mentioned by Jesus, and urges the congregation to find joy and victory in God's love, peace, and joy.

Transcript

From the 6th chapter of St. Luke, beginning with the 20th verse, And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be the A poor for yours is the kingdom of God. I want you to listen very careful now because we're going to talk to you for a few minutes here. Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled.

Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, And when they shall separate you from their company, And shall report you, and cast you out your name, As evil is evil for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy, For behold, your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

But woe unto you who that are rich, For ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are fill, for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now, for ye shall mourn and weep.

Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets. But I say unto you with cheer, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, And pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on one cheek, Offer also the other.

And him that taketh away thy cloak, Forbid not to take thy coat also. I'm talking to you tonight because the Lord wants me to read this to you, And if I stumble, you just have to forgive me. I just, sometimes I do that, you know.

And the Lord's wonderful in me. Praise God. Give to every man that asketh of thee, And of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again.

You know, this is something, folks. If a Christian would do what he says here in just these few verses I've read, He'd be a pretty good fellow, wouldn't he? But I'm not through yet. And as ye would that men should do to you, Do ye also to them likewise.

For if ye love them which love you, What think have ye? For sinners also love those that love them. While I was praying today concerning the service tonight, In all of our crusades across the nation, I have found the like of a Christian love toward their fellow man. I found, I haven't found, I haven't found that Christian agape love.

I haven't found that doing good as we ought to be finding it. I haven't found that praying for our enemies. I haven't found that, those that curse us and despitefully use us.

I haven't found people turning the other cheek. I haven't found people that wants to obey God's word. But I found Christians striking back.

I found Christians praying judgment on other Christians in other churches. Rather than praying one for another. And as I was praying, the Lord brought the whole picture up to me.

He said, I can't work as I desire to work In the midst of a people whose heart is filled with this kind of things Of envy and strife and bitterness and hate toward their fellow man. I cannot send my spirit upon someone that is not been cleansed and separated and set apart. See, God does not fill a garbage can with his spirit.

And so as I begin to read and God begin to draw my attention to it, I realize Now if you're in one church, usually, it used to be, it ain't quite that way now That church members will love one another. But to get them to love somebody else outside of their church, you can't do it. And they don't even love their enemies.

So it's a selfish type love, see. But what we need is the agape love. That agape love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An everlasting love that shall bring us together. That will do to our fellow man like we want them to treat us. He even tells us a little further down, judge not, let you be judged, see.

We have come to the place that we are sitting on the judgment seat. We've moved God off of the mercy seat and put him on the judgment seat in our way of thinking, see. But this is not what God's plan is.

I feel resentment even tonight in this altar call. Because some of you should have been down here praying. Because others was down here praying that you didn't believe had any right to down here praying.

You was resenting this thing. Last night in the prayer line I felt the same resentment. Because of the way that we have been raised and trained.

That you've got to be just exactly belong to our group. This is wrong. If you're in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ and been born again, washed in his blood.

And you know that you've been born again. And you've been baptized into that body. Then we are brothers and sisters.

And it don't make any difference what he has said on you, the hatched egg. I've been in a farm. I've been a farm boy raised out in the farm.

And some of you might think I'll still be out there. Well, I still live out there. But that's all right.

Mother used to take, and I don't know whether you know what guinea is up here or not. But she could take a guinea and take a guinea egg and put it under the old Dominica hen. She could take a duck egg and put it under the hen.

She could take then the Rhode Island egg and put it under the old Dominica. She could take the game egg and put it under the old Dominica. But I want to tell you something.

When they all hatched. When they all hatched, they was whatever kind of egg they was. Now if the seed of God has been planted in the womb of your heart.

It will produce what? Sons of God. And it makes no difference where the seed of God was planted in your heart. Whether you was out there on the pine orchard.

Whether you in the basement of your house. Laying up on your bed. Come on.

Or whether you was out over on a boat somewhere taking a plane ride. Or riding down the road in your car. I know a man that got saved as a preacher today.

He was sitting in the barber shop. He was a traveling salesman. And some fellow walked in and hand him a track while he was sitting in the barber chair.

He got out. Stuck it in his shirt pocket. Going down the road.

Something said take that out and read it. He read it. It was a message of salvation to him.

He pulled over to the side of the road. Stopped the car. Bowed his head.

And asked God to forgive him of his sins. Went on and found the church. Asked him to baptize him.

And today he's preaching the gospel. So you see. It's not.

It's where you accept God at. It's not in this building. If everybody's got saved since we've been here.

And repented of their sins. And what God is doing here. Then if you was to say well I got saved at the.

I think it's the kiddies. Is that what it is? The kiddies or something in here. You'd say well I've got a kiddy religion.

And so the only place I can worship God is in the ballroom at the kiddy hotel. Well you'd be all mixed up and warped in your minds see. God wants us to have the peace of God in our lives.

He wants us to follow up all men. With what? Follow all men with what? With peace which without wholeness no man shall see the Lord. You love the Lord tonight? And as I was praying the Lord said I want to do a work.

I want to bring a breakthrough. But because of the attitudes toward one another. And because they have been trained.

And many churches have taught their congregations. That if the people are not in our church they're lost. It's not a building.

It's not an organization. It's not an independent group. It's not a man you're following.

It's Jesus. I'm the way. I'm the truth.

I'm the life. I'm the door. I'm the alpha.

I'm the omega. I'm the beginning. I'm the ending.

I'm the living and the dying. I'm the son of righteousness. I'm the healing in his wing.

I am the I am. Do you understand what I'm talking about? And so when we see this thing we can come together. I was praying today and I said God what would happen.

As we see the world council of churches being formed. As we see this great system that's coming up today. That's bringing people together.

And we can see the all of this all kinds of systems happening. What would happen if the full gospel people once could get their minds together. And get into one accord like there was on the day of Pentecost.

And quit trying to be branded with some man's idea or some man's system. But follow after the Lord Jesus Christ as the apostles did. Knowing that they had set us set in their minds and their hearts and had it fixed.

That they had a war fire with the devil. And that there was out there to destroy the works of the devil. And to see the works of God be done in the face of the enemy.

That they might know that they were serving a true and a living God. Praise God. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. I don't need that. No I got this one on.

But I forgot about I had the other mic on up here. But anyway. When I began to read this and saw.

How God wanted us to live. How that God wanted us to have the peace in our hearts. How that God did not come here.

You said but brother Walton they're not saved unless they get saved our way. They are not saved unless they get saved his way. Not your way.

His way. You said but brother Walton they got to be saved my way. No they got to be saved his way.

And Jesus said I am the way. I am the truth. And I am the life.

And there is no other name given unto heaven or earth whereby man might be saved. All power is in his name. Amen.

Do you love the Lord? And so he says now if you just love those that love you. You will know better often the sinners. The sinners love them that love them.

You know what I mean. If you just give to them that give to you. That's not it.

He said when a man asks you for something. Give it to him. Don't expect it back.

He slaps you on one side. Turn the other cheek. Somebody said don't say what to do after that.

Yes it does. He said if you forgive your brother seven times seventy. Four hundred and ninety times a day.

And you figure that out how often you have to forgive him. I think the church needs to join the four hundred and ninety club. Don't you? Hallelujah.

Forgive your brother seventy times seven. Every day. We need to get a club going there where we can turn the other cheek.

Where we can love our brothers. Where we can live in peace. Where we can see the Holy Ghost come down.

It's a shame. It's a disgrace. To have people in fear with the Holy Ghost.

To sit on this side and on that side. And in the back and in the front. And they can't worship God together.

And supposed to have the same spirit. Supposed to love the same Lord. Supposed to believe in the same God.

And supposed to have God saved in the same light manner. And still we cannot worship God together. Because we don't love one another.

Because the devil has built up walls of petitions between us. And these have got to be broken down. And they will be broken down.

By the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. If God has to allow judgment. Until we can come together.

And behold the Lamb of God. That taketh away the sins of the world. And everybody's eyes be fastened up on Him.

Rather than the works of the flesh. When we build our hopes upon Him. Rather than in some system of man.

When we follow Him. Rather than the flesh. When we worship God in spirit and in truth.

Rather than just going through a mechanical motion. Or something in church. The same old thing over and over.

The same old prayer every day. The same prophecy coming forth every week you come in. And the same old tongues you speak all the time.

And the same old shake and jig you do every time you go to church. And this is all you get out of being born again in a Christian. There's something wrong with your Christian experience.

Brother there's hope. There's life. There's peace.

There's joy. There's health. There's everything that a man needs in our generation.

If we have only taken and lived like the Bible says. Do you love the Lord tonight? Oh I know that I'm talked about. I know that people don't accept the way that I do.

But I'll tell you what. I'll tell you what folks. I'll tell you one thing.

A man come and said listen. Said I want you to know that Franklin Walden said ain't nothing to that fella. And I asked him one day.

I said how many people have you seen born again this year? How many people have you seen fill the altars up? How many counselors have you seen smitten? How many crippled legs? How many blinded eyes? How many deaf ears have you seen unstopped? I don't think any man ought to judge another man. Until he's done at least as much as that man has done. Amen.

I don't think any preacher ought to judge another preacher. Until he has done as much as that preacher has done for the Lord. I don't think you should even think about it.

Until you come up to where he has in winning souls. A man came to me in Toronto, Canada. And he said Brother Walden I want to give you some pointers.

I want to show you how your ministry could expand. I want to show you how you could reach more souls and do more for God. And I listened to him.

Now I admired the man for what he was saying. And I'm a good listener when somebody says they've got something from the Lord for me. I listen to them.

And I won't raise up against it. And so he kept talking to me. And after a while he had a perfect plan set up for me.

And I looked at him. I said, Sir, you pastor the church here. You pastor a church in Toronto.

I've been here 25 years I think it was. Something like that. I said, What size of a congregation do you have? And how many people have you got saved in the last past five years? He said, Well, Brother Walden, I'll be honest with you.

I don't have a large congregation. He said, I've got the same ones I've just about started with. We run about 25 to 35 in church every week.

He said, But we're praying that God will send our church a revival and he'll show us what to do to get them out. See, here I am, a man trying to tell me how to win souls when he hasn't won souls himself. He's trying to tell me what to do.

I want somebody, if they're going to give me some advice, I want somebody to give me some advice that has been a success in doing something from God. I want somebody that has been a success whatever they're doing. I don't want anybody to come tell me anything unless they've been a success.

I know that Jesus was the success and our example that we should follow. And I know that he taught his disciples right. And if he said for us to love one another, and by this the world would know that we were his disciples and that we was to follow him, that we was not to backbite.

We was not to criticize. We was not to come down and put our foot on a brother's neck. But we was not to say that we love God when we don't even love the man that we walk beside of and work on the job or live neighborly to because of some kind of doctrinal barriers we got.

I know that maybe you don't like this kind of night, but I'm going to give it to you because the Lord told me to do it. It's time to come back and let that spirit of love, that agape love, God is love, God is a spirit. And when you've got God's spirit, you're going to have the agape love and that's going to cause you to have a hunger and a desire to fellowship with God's people.

And brother, when we do that, we're going to see the power of God in the midst of us that breaks the yoke, that makes us one. All of our eyes are turned upon the Lamb of God and our sins will be forgiven us. Do you love the Lord tonight? And I praise God tonight.

I want to tell you this. Last year when I was out in Prince Edward Island and we was over there, I had a dream. A vision rather.

And I was back home and I was there in my mother's, in the living room where my mother's house and the family was gathered together. Now my dad has gone on to be with Jesus and I love my dad and he was a great man of God. But he's gone on to be with Jesus.

And we were standing there and we were just fellowshiping and the door came open, the front door, and it seemed like there was some being came through the door and went into the room where my sister was staying at that time. That's her room back home. And so everybody had a fear to come upon.

And I said, well, I'll go over. They always looked at me to make the first step anyhow. And I go over and I went in and I looked and dad was there.

And I saw my dad. And I was so amazed. I looked at him.

He smiled. He spoke and he spoke to mother. And you can think I'm crazy if you want to.

But that's all right. I did. I saw it in a vision.

Amen. And so he took mother and he went out and they were out in the yard and I was just following him. I was looking at him.

Here he was. He was 73 years old when he died. And now he looks like he's about 33 years old.

Perfect health. Not one thing, not no worries or nothing. Free from everything.

And I looked at him. I said, dad, I was so amazed at his body. He had such a perfect body.

And I said, dad, I said, what will it take? And what is it going to take to have and obtain a body like you've got? And he looked up at me, turned his head kind of like that. And he said, son, this only comes through perfect love. Amen.

This only comes through perfect love. The only kind of perfect love there is is that agape love. That's God's love.

We are perfected with His love. Do you understand what I'm talking about? There's a filial love and that's the kind of love that a man has for his wife and a wife has for their husband. It is a God-given love that he's given, but it's a filial love.

It's not an agape love. You can have a man and a wife here and that man and that woman can love each other and he can buy her roses every Saturday. And she can bake him goodies and everything and have everything fine for him and take his shoes off of his feet and tell him how much she loves him and he can tell her the same thing.

And they can live in happiness. But you let one of them die and they can die and bury them and in a year's time they found somebody else they can love just as much as they love that companion. But God's love is not that way.

God's love is the everlasting, the everlasting. God is an eternal love, see? And he loved us with that kind of a love. And so when we love our brothers that we're willing to lay down our lives for our brothers like he was willing to lay down his life for us.

That we'll defend our brother with the word of God. That we'll stand together and love one another. We'll see the Holy Spirit come in the midst of us and we won't have this one-sided and selfish love that we can only love those that is in the four walls of our building.

We can only love those, you say, but they don't come to our church. The Bible said love your enemy. If they're your enemy, you still gotta love them.

He said do good for them. Don't talk about them, don't run them down, don't ridicule them. He said do good to them.

That's what he said, read it. If you don't like what Jesus said, tell him. But I'm just telling you what he said, see? And so we have got the attitude today if we don't have the same fellowship card, if we don't belong to the same brand of religion, if we don't do that, that we're lost, we're doomed, we're damned, we're born with a devil's child and everything else.

But if you're born again of the Spirit, now if you're not born again of the Spirit, that's a different thing. But if you're born again of the Spirit, the Spirit is in you, He'll lead you into all truth if you'll be willing to let Him lead you. You may be in something over here that God does not approve of, but if you're willing to be led by the Spirit of God, God will lead you out of there from glory to glory to height to height.

See, you understand what I'm talking about. Oh, don't you love Him tonight? Friends, I'll tell you there's nothing like the love of God. There's nothing like having the peace of God.

There's nothing like it. There's nothing like it. I don't know whether the young lady is here tonight or not.

She may be here. And I wouldn't bring her out and say anything to her if she wants. I don't know.

I can't tell in the congregation. But today, brother, it never left me. Today, as we were sitting, Brother Post and I talking in this place, and I looked, the Holy Spirit drawing my attention to a young lady sitting there in a booth.

I just don't do that. I just don't do things like that. But Pastor Post can tell you that it had to be a God leading to do a thing like that.

A woman sitting there with problems after problems after problems after problems. And the Lord said, You go over there and tell her about me and about my love. And I went and shared with her the love of God.

Now, I don't know how God's going to lead her. I don't know where God will lead her. But I know one thing.

When you make up your mind to follow Jesus, He'll make a way where there seemeth to be no way. He said He would. And I know one thing.

If we don't get this selfishness out of our hearts, and if we don't get this man's indoctrinated way of doing things, and not following after God, we're going to wind up on the other side of the fence for sure as we're standing here. Amen. There is a way that seemeth right on the man.

But the end thereof is what? Is a ways of death. We don't want to abide in death. And that's what the church is doing today.

They're abiding in death. We need a spiritual resurrection in the midst of us. We need to quit holding grudges in our hearts.

We need to quit going slaying at one another. We need to quit running one another down. We need to quit trying to justify ourselves with what somebody else is doing wrong or something.

We need to come back to the Word of God, live by the Word of God, study the Word of God, abide in the Word of God, knowing that God and His Word is one and the same. And if we are in the Word and the Word is in us, then we can move and do the things that God would have us to do. But as long as we hold an oath against our brother, our prayers is not even heard.

He said if we don't forgive one another, then our Heavenly Father will not forgive us. I don't care if you've got hate in your heart, if you've got bitterness in your heart, you've got envy in your heart, you hate somebody or you don't like somebody, if you talk about somebody and you will not forgive that person, you can pray that you turn blue in the face and your prayers won't get any further than the top of the house. He said if you remember your brother has an oath against you, go to that brother.

Didn't I just say it? Go to that brother. And tell that brother. And when that brother comes, if he will not hear you, go back and get some more and go with him.

But you know what the church does today? You let somebody get something against a brother or find out a fault against another brother or somebody, you know what they'll do? The first thing to do, they tell everybody else before they go to the brother. They tell everybody else before they get there. You say, Brother Warren, I don't like this kind of preaching.

Well, that's all right whether you like it or not. The Lord has spoke to my heart this afternoon to do this. You say, but I can't accept that.

I can't help whether you accept it or not. There's ghosts in every pasture. And there's turds in every field.

And they just can't accept the truth. They won't have the truth. Although God is loving and He's just and He's long-suffering and He's kind to the evildoers, the Bible says He is, and He's kind to those unthankful,

those who are not thankful, He's still kind to them.

But see, we've got these things, folks, but the people that are at the God's own heart like the psalmist David was, those that are wanting walking fellowship and want a great anointing upon their lives and want to have peace with God and want the blessings of God in their life, they're going to have a desire to obey God's Word and follow after Him in His holiness, and they're going to desire to do everything He said and to fulfill His command. You say, I've got the Holy Ghost. All right.

Let me ask you a question. Just recently, there was a group of people that had the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They all spoke in tongues and all of them was baptized the same way.

Down in the States. But there was a problem arose, and they had a meeting, and did you know they come out wanting to hit fight. Hadn't it been for me, they'd have had a fist fight.

Preachers, deacons, elders, and talk in tongues. This is far away from God's plan for the church that He's coming back after. God's not in anything like that, folks.

God's not in anything like that. And I feel a little resentment me talking like this because some of you feel with that kind of an attitude. Some of you got that in your mind.

You say, well, I won't come back. I can't help whether you ever come back or not. There's one thing about it, when God lays something on my heart and I tell you like it is, acts off of my chest, I've got to stand before God for every message that I don't preach, that He tells me to preach, and I've got to stand before God for every message I do preach.

And so when I tell you these things, and you don't abide in them, like a lady come up to me, up in Fonda Bay, and she came to me and she said, I prayed for her, nothing happened. And so she come back the next night, I went to pray for her, nothing happened. And she started to walk off, I said, wait a minute, wait a minute.

Have you got something in your heart toward anybody, and have you ever been mixed up in witchcraft? No. No way, she said. No way.

The next night she come, I prayed for her, and nothing happened. So the meeting was coming to a close, and she come to me and she said, Brother Walden said, you asked me if I had any messed up in any witchcraft. I said, I got to praying about that thing, and thinking about that thing, I said, well, I do read tea leaves.

And I do read the cups, and I do do these things, and I said, I told you that, you got to get that out, that's fortune telling. You can't fool with that kind of stuff, you don't read cards and tea leaves, and all these kind of things, and tea cups, how you do it up here in Canada, I don't know how you do it, but you can't do that, you don't run to fortune tellers to find out what the future's going to be. You don't have to have a horoscope to find out whether you're going to make it through the day or not.

And some of the Pentecostal folks today, they have to have their pet poodle to bring the paper to the side of their bed before they get out, so they can read their horoscope to know whether they can make it through the day or not, or whether they ought to get out of bed or stay in the bed all day. And all these kind of things, and then they wonder why, they're in a mess, they're, you've received a spirit that's not of God, do you understand what I'm talking about? And so I prayed for her and she still didn't get right. And so she

followed her son out into Calgary, and one day she come to me and said, I don't understand what it is.

I said, I'll tell you what it is, and God revealed it to me. Twenty years she had left her husband, she had done him wrong, she wouldn't get a divorce from him because she wanted his estate. Talk in tongues, some of you ain't liking this and I can feel it, but bless God, I've got God on my side.

Run around to every church in so discord that they could. And she looked at me and said, what do you want me to do? I said, you get down and write a letter to your husband. All she done made him pay up for 20 years.

Alimony, for 20 years he paid her and she's waiting for him to die so he can get everything he had. And I said, you couldn't have the love of God in your heart. You go back and be reconciled with that man.

You go back and do something and you get that thing. You write him a letter. And I said, if you will, God will forgive you and God will come on the scene.

She said, well, all right, and she left. I got to Vancouver, she wrote a letter and said, Brother Walden, if you'll write a letter to my husband, I'll mail it and sign my name to it. I never answered it.

I don't know what happened to her, but she's headed down a bad road. I don't know what the bitter end of her way of living will bring to her. But I know one thing that it's not going to be a happy ending.

Until we come together that we can love those that don't love us. When we can come together then love those that don't love us. Then we're moving in the realm that when we can say like Jesus did when he was there, Father forgive them for they know not what they do.

When we can have the same love of God in our hearts as Stephens did while they were stoning them to death. A great big man came up on the platform in the same meeting there in Thunder Bay. And he said to me, he said, now, he said, yes, you notice that I can't get a breakthrough.

I said, yes, and there's something wrong. You've got something in your heart towards somebody. He said, I've got a right to have something in my heart towards somebody.

I said, what happened? He said, a man stole my wife and my children. And said, I hate him. I want to kill him.

Claimed to have the Holy Ghost. Now you listen to me, folks. He said, and I've got a right to do it to that man.

I said, you have no such a thing. You don't want to send that man's soul to hell. You want him saved.

You don't want your children to be raised up in that atmosphere. You don't want to kill your wife. If you want to kill your wife you don't love her like you say you love her.

Amen. I said, you'll never have a breakthrough in God until you learn to love those that's not lovable. Do you understand? You'll never be able to do it.

And it's hard sometimes. Man alive, you know, I've been down the road. I know what I'm talking about.

I used to have a man that begs me. He'd do everything he could and it looked like I'd run from him and shun him. But you know, I never got victory over that thing.

I started learning to love that man in the Lord. Showing him kindness and doing good unto him. And then I got victory over that thing.

I know what I'm talking about. Until we follow after God according to His Word you can have all the church entity you want to. But when you stand before God it won't be counted as Christianity.

You'll be judged for it. See, you understand what I mean? We ain't going to get out of this shale we're in. The stage is set.

The curtain is fixing to be drawn. The Antichrist is going to make his last play for the church. And the very left will be deceived if possible.

And until we come to the place that we can abide in God's love and have the right attitude toward our fellow man and God. Boy, you're quiet tonight. You said, but Brother Walden I despise that person.

You need to get something from God. Amen. You need to get something from God.

You need to get something from God. I know two brothers in the States. Two brothers.

Fresh brothers and both of them are ministers. And they hate each other with a passion. One day one of them was riding down the road in his car and happened to see his other brother on the sidewalk and tried to run over him.

And both of them got large churches in two large cities in the States. One in Florida and one in Georgia. Now you hear this.

I don't care if they stand on their head and talk in tongues. I don't care if they prophesy. I don't care if they could make water run upstream.

The Bible says this. He said, though you speak with the tongues of man and of angels and have not charity. What does it do? You become up a great big old zero and a zero means nothing.

Amen. You love the Lord tonight? We want to get healed so we can go back out and fight brothers and sisters. Well, they're not my brothers, they're not my sisters.

You are not the judge. That's God's job when He stands before you to put the goats on one side and the sheep on the other side. It's not Walden's job.

It's not a pastor's job. It's nobody else's job. God said He would do that.

Christ will do that on that great judgment day. He'll say, get on the left side of the goats and come on on the right side of the sheep. And it's not your job to do it.

It's your job to preach the Word and if the Word separates, that's wonderful. Don't compromise with the Word. Stand upon the Word.

Live by the Word. But it's your job to love your enemy. Do good to them that spitefully use you and walk after His righteousness and you'll see that you'll be filled with His love, His peace, His joy and you'll have something to live in victory with.

Do you love the Lord? I can't do it, Brother Walden. I just can't do it. A woman came to me just before I was going to the tent one night, knocked on the little door of the trailer where I was staying at and she said, Brother Walden, I'm going through such an awful time.

She said, it's so hard for me to love, serve God. She said, I've got an unsafe husband and said, he's just so mean as the devil and said, he just whips me and beats me and does me this way and does me that way. And I stood there and I knew that it couldn't be all his fault and so after listening to her and I said, all right, I'm going to tell you.

You said, I'll do anything. I'll do anything. You just tell me what to do.

She was just crying, you know. I said, all right, I'm going to tell you what to do. She said, he'll whip me when I get home tonight for coming to the tent.

I said, all right, in the morning I want you to get up. I want you to fix him a nice lunch. I want you to have it set at the table.

I want you to fix everything just like he likes it before he wakes up and then go wake him up and say, you got breakfast on the table. When he starts out the door, I want you to kiss him and say, honey, have a good day. I'll be praying for you.

And I said, when he comes back at night, you take him in and set him down in his chair. Take his shoes off and put his feet up on the little footstool there. Take him to paper.

He don't read the Bible, no how. And I said, tell him supper will be ready. You all call it dinner up here.

We call it supper in the south. Tell him supper will be ready in a little bit. And I said, then when he comes in to eat, you sit down and bow your head and ask him to ask the blessing.

She looked at me and she said, all the tears had dried up. Her face unchanged. She said, he'll think I've lost my mind.

I said, that's better than getting whipped every night, ain't it? See, she knew I had her number. She was one of these wives that nagged all the time, nagged all the time, nagged. I hope we ain't got no nagging wives killing no henpecked husbands tonight.

But anyhow, that's the way she was all the time. Did you know what? That woman never did do that. Her husband died.

She was in the prayer line the last time I was in that part of the country, still wanting to get healed. Still died in suffering, nervous condition, gallbladder attacks, liver problems, arthritis. But she never would get that thing straight and her husband died and she never did make that thing straight with that man.

A little bit of kindness and a little bit of showing love, a little bit of doing good goes a long ways against destroying the kingdom of the devil. Do you hear what I'm talking about? Oh, blessed be the name of the Lord. Don't you love the Lord? Praise God, praise God, praise God.

People just don't want to admit and confess their faults and one of the things that James said to do there in the early church there at Jerusalem, he said, confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that you might be healed. Didn't he say it? Oh, glory to God. Now, you may not think this, but if

you've got something in your heart towards somebody, if you've got something in your soul there that's just not right and in your spirit, God doesn't honor your prayer, God doesn't hear your cries and God will not heal you until you confess and make that thing right.

I might have told this about the one man in Toronto, Canada. You might have heard me tell it when I was here before, I don't know, but tonight will be a good night, tell it again. And this man was in one of the largest Pentecostal churches there was there in Toronto and another young minister came into Toronto and the city of Toronto and started a church and built a church bigger than theirs of the same denomination and had papers of the same one.

But because he built a larger church than theirs, this man never went to this preacher, this man never went and talked to this man, but he held envy and strife and bitterness and hate toward this young minister. Now, you hear me. Now, the young minister didn't even know it.

He didn't know how the other man felt about him. And he walked into the dedication of the man's church and as he walked in the door, he said, it stinks in here, don't it? A man supposed to be filled with the Holy Ghost, a man that was one of the headmen of the church would say that about this. Now, you hear me, folks.

I want you to listen. I want you to hear this. I want you to get this.

He came down with cancer. They phoned Brother Roberts. They called everybody they know that could pray the prayer of faith.

There was a chain of prayer that went across this nation of Canada for this man and he was dying. I'm not going to tell you, but one of the leading men in the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship spent one week in my home just a couple of years ago and he told me this story. He knew the attitude the man would not make that thing right.

People said God doesn't heal everybody, but of course if God healed everybody this man was paid his tithe, a great giver to the church. This man was this man was a good supporter of missions and all of this. Nobody ever known him to do anything wrong.

He didn't get out and carouse around. He didn't run around on his wife. He was a good dad and he was a good church goer and never missed a day when he had health to go on.

Now you hear this. But he let the devil put hate and the Bible says if you hate your brother you're a murderer. Now you can arrive at your opinion what you want but he said you know that no murderer have eternal life.

Now you hear this. This man died with all the prayers and all the anointing oil and all the prayer cloths and all the fasting. This man died.

It went through the church. You see God doesn't heal everybody because this man was a great fellow but they didn't know what was in that man's heart against this young preacher. God knew.

God knows what's in your heart. God knows your attitude. He's got your number.

God knows these things. I get criticized sometimes because I fellowship with everybody I can fellowship with. You say Brother Walton you ain't got no right to do that.

How come I haven't? Jesus did. He went among the sinners. He got criticized when he went into Zacchaeus house.

He got criticized when the woman come there and washed his feet with the tears and dried them with the hair off of the street. Do you understand? But you know what he done? That woman had forgiveness of her sins. Do you understand? Jesus said these things folks.

Not I. Jesus said them. And if we don't come to the place where we can walk in this rim of the spirit you say well I wish you'd preach on water baptism or talking in tongues. I'm talking to you about these things now.

I don't care if you've been baptized in every water hole between here and the Jordan and join every church between here and Jerusalem. If you haven't got your heart right and repented of your sins you don't stand before God as a sinner. You don't stand before God if you've got hate in your heart as a murderer.

Come on folks. What I'm trying to tell you is God's church is joining together with God's spirit and God's love. He's the head of his church and he loves every member of his body and every member of the body should love the other members of the body in the same way and you're not the one to tell that they should not love one another who they shouldn't love.

But I'm going to show you what the church's condition is today. Can I go in and preach? You say this ain't much preaching. Can I go in and talk then?

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