

# Jesus & Deplorables

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Not philia, storge, eros loves, but agape love = unconditional love that seeks the highest good for others  
While disciples argued about who was greatest, Jesus washed their feet, John 13:1-17
2. **pray for persecutors**, v.44; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60
3. **reveal the** \_\_\_\_\_, v.45; 1 John 4:20;  
When we love our enemies, we reveal the essence of our God Himself  
God causes the sun to rise on the evil and good, and the rain to fall on the righteous and unrighteous, v. 45
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **others**, v.46-47  
Jesus compared the Pharisees to tax collectors and heathens  
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## I will build my life on the Solid Rock of Christ

- A. I'm thankful that when I was God's enemy, He already loved me, Romans 5:8
- B. There's someone I look down at whom God is calling me to love
- C. There's someone who looks down at me whom I will pray for
- D. I understand that without Christ, it is impossible to love the unlovable
- E. For the first time, I want to call upon Jesus as my Lord and Savior

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