

“Where Scripture meets life and Transforms it!”

“2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:2 (ESV)

What the Bible say about Unbelievers.

How should I interact with non-believers?



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are taken from the ESV and NIV translations.*

I

Gentleness & Love : What we give.

A. Whatever happens, **PRAY** that God grants you the grace and strength to respond with gentleness and love... It's the work of the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6

6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, **but by my Spirit,**' says the Lord Almighty.

B. Do NOT REACT but rather RESPOND with gentleness and love to the actions of unbelievers with gentleness.

C. Why?

1. Our Father, our Lord Christ through the Holy Spirit commands us to show gentleness.

Eph. 4:2

Be completely humble and **gentle**; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Phil. 4:5

Let your **gentleness** be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Col. 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, **gentleness** and patience.

1Tim. 6:11

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and **gentleness**.

1Pet. 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with **gentleness** and respect.

2. Our Father, our Lord Christ through the Holy Spirit has shown us gentleness.

Matt. 11:29

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am **gentle** and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

3. Scripture teaches us that gentleness, not anger or aggression, will bring about a favorable response.

Prov. 15:1

A **gentle** answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Prov. 25:15

Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a **gentle** tongue can break a bone.

II

Grace & Compassion : Who they are and what they need.

- A. They are **sinners**, who are lost and wandering, separated from God their Creator, and destined for eternal death.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was **lost**."

Mark 6:34

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like **sheep without a shepherd**. So he began teaching them many things.

- B. They are "**harassed**" by their sins, the world and the devil. They are "**helpless**," unable to see or free themselves from their sinful condition and destiny.

Matt. 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were **harassed and helpless**, like sheep without a shepherd.

- C. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, extending grace and compassion. They need **grace** (undeserved goodness) **and salvation** (eternal and not temporary).

Matt. 9:13

But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners**."

Luke 5:32

I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners** to repentance."

III

Faith in God : What we need

- A. God is in control over all people... nothing happens apart from God's will. DO NOT WORRY.

Numbers 23:19

19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Matthew 10:28-31

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows

- B. God is in control over all things... God will bring about justice in his time. DO NOT TAKE REVENGE

Rom. 12:19

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is **mine to avenge**; I will repay," says the Lord.

1Cor. 5:12

What business is it of mine to **judge** those outside the church? Are you not to **judge** those inside?

1Cor. 5:13

God will **judge** those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."

C. God is in Lord over all people... God can save anyone he chooses. DO NOT JUDGE (withhold).

Romans 9:13-18

13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part?

By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

