

Toward Unbelievers

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. (1 John 4:18, NIV)

Jesus didn't come to condemn the world. He came to love it and lay down His life for it (John 3:17).

If that is true of Him, isn't it true of us as well? Aren't we here to save a lost world rather than to condemn it?

Too often we react harshly to the unbelieving society around us. Our attitude is fearful and defensive. We think like a persecuted minority. This only makes us look small, paranoid, ingrown, and silly to the people we're supposed to be attracting.

Our calling is to love – to love everyone boldly, fearlessly, and joyfully. Jesus was misunderstood and persecuted, yet He lived and died with confidence and love. So can we.

Hymn: [Reconciled in Christ](#)

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