



## Introduction

*How our lives should reflect God's love and mercy to us.*



## Questions

1. How does Paul say we should react to this world?
2. How does Paul say we should treat our brothers?
3. How does Paul suggest we react to those who do us wrong?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** Because God shows us great love and mercy, we should be Godly and not adopt the standards of those around us
- **v 3 to 8** We should have a humble opinion of ourselves and use our God-given abilities to help our fellow believers
- **v 9 to 16** We should show genuine love and humility in all our dealings with fellow believers
- **v 17 and 18** We should not retaliate when we are upset and should do all we can to live peaceably with all
- **v 19 to 21** We don't need to react aggressively to those who try to harm us, because God will judge them (see theme)

**Timeline** AD 60 (see below)



## Theme

### **Leave judgement of our enemies to God**

*A selection of verses showing that we should leave judgement of our enemies to God.*

The law of Moses recommended restraint when dealing with others:

*Leviticus 19 verse 18*

David wouldn't kill Saul even though he was a real threat to David's life:

*1 Samuel 26 verses 9 and 10*

Paul tells the Romans to leave judgement of their enemies to God:

*Romans 12 verse 19*

At his trial before Pilate, Jesus was the ultimate example of restraint under attack from enemies:

*Mark 15 verses 3 and 4*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 10, Q 3: v 14, 17 to 19

## Bible timeline

