

## Deacon's Beacons

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“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23–24

This concept is addressed several times in many ways in the Gospels and the Scriptures. How can you love the God that you cannot see if you hate the brother that you can see? If you hate anyone, your worship is without merit. Jesus says to love one another. There are no exceptions or exclusions there. He did not say love those whom you like. He did not say love those who look like you or think like you or believe like you. He said love one another. And He raised the bar by say to love one another as He has loved us. That is sacrificial love poured out in service of and for the benefit of others. It may be hard to do but is it really that hard to understand?

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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