

No. 42 Can Love Conquer Hatred?

PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH HATRED? (4 min.)

Mankind's history is filled with hatred and violence (Ge 4:8)

Yet, humans are also capable of being unselfish and of showing love; most people yearn for peace

Why is there so much hatred?

The Bible reveals the origin of hatred and violence

God created man free from hatred; mankind originally enjoyed perfect peace (Ge 1:27)

Satan, a wicked spirit creature, persuaded the first human pair and some spirit creatures to join him in the rebellion against God (Joh 8:44)

Today we see the results of this wicked influence (2Ti 3:1-5)

The Bible also reveals that soon love will completely conquer hatred

As we shall see, love has already begun to conquer hatred in many ways

A LOVING GOD PROMISES RELIEF FROM HATRED (6 min.)

Because Jehovah God loves mankind, he promises to undo the harm caused by Satan **[Read Genesis 3:15]**, and discuss the identity of (1) the serpent, (2) the serpent's offspring, and (3) the woman. See *The Watchtower*, January 1, 2011, page 10, box] [Images 1, 2, and 3]

The identity of the woman's offspring remained a mystery for thousands of years

During that time, God progressively revealed how he would fulfill his promise

He told Abraham that all nations would be blessed by means of his offspring (Ge 22:18)

In time, Jehovah used the ancient nation of Israel to bring forth Christ Jesus, the foretold offspring of the woman (Ga 3:16) [Image 4]

JESUS PROVED THAT LOVE CAN CONQUER HATRED (7 min.)

While on earth, Jesus taught a way of love that can conquer hatred **[Read Matthew 5:38-44]**

Jesus taught his disciples to love their enemies, to resist provocation, and to avoid retaliation

Jesus' life course showed his great love for God and for mankind

To do God's will, Jesus resisted temptation and endured abuse (Mt 4:1-10; 26:65-67) [Image 5]

By giving up his perfect human life, Jesus began "to break up the works of the Devil" (1Jo 3:8; w98 7/1 11 ¶17)

Jehovah permitted Satan to cause Jesus' death, to "strike him in the heel" (Ge 3:15)

God then resurrected Jesus to heavenly life (Ac 2:32, 33)

Jesus' life, death, and resurrection proved that love can conquer hatred (Ro 5:6-8)

TRUE CHRISTIANS PROVE THAT LOVE CAN CONQUER HATRED (6 min.)

Jesus foretold that there would be many false Christians (Mt 7:21-23)

For centuries, false Christianity has displayed extreme hatred and cruelty

Jesus said that his true followers would be identified by their love **[Read John 13:34, 35]**

Among Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide, love is flourishing and it is conquering hatred

They show genuine love to one another

They love God and loyally obey him (1Jo 5:3)

They show love even to those who oppose or persecute them

In the following [video](#), notice how love is conquering hatred today

VIDEO (3 min.)

LOVE WILL SOON CONQUER HATRED COMPLETELY (4 min.)

We invite all to join us without delay in practicing true Christianity

Worsening world conditions show that the end of this system is near (Mt 24:3-12)

Soon Jesus will abyss “the original serpent,” Satan, for 1,000 years (Re 20:2) [Image 6]

Millions who died as victims of hatred will be among those resurrected

Finally, Jesus will crush Satan’s head, destroying him and his offspring forever (Ge 3:15; Re 20:7-10)

All harm caused by Satan will be undone; mankind will enjoy an eternity of peace

Love will have conquered hatred completely!

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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