

## Deacon's Beacons

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“For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:46–48

Our call as Christians is to put no limits on whom we love. As Jesus observes, it is easy to love those who love you. But then there are the other folks. Sometimes we simply do not like them. Maybe it is because of something that they have done. Or maybe (God forbid) it is because they are different than we are. Regardless of how we feel about someone personally, we must still love them. Going beyond our feelings to an action of love is monumental. But it is absolutely necessary to claim the name of Christian.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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