

# Th213 Systematic Theology II

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## Dr. Walter Martin Reflection

Honestly, I feel so offended after listening to Dr. Martin's sermon. From the continuing "Gospel" we are supposed to stay relevant. Maybe because he has an older mindset the presentation he offered right away alienated people. Starting with the pontified opening prayer. If you were not a bible student you may not have known what the praying was about. The laypeople if anything should know what the praying is about and not have to use a concordance to understand.

Why did Dr. Martin feel it necessary right off the bat to start insulting people? Was it because they held a different belief than he? If so, I don't think that method will work with this generation. He said, "Love can appear ruthless." Does it have to? Is it LOVE?

So many years have gone by and so much has changed since this sermon was spoken. Yet, so much has stayed the same. The way I see it by watching this audio reminded me of the pure essence of what God is wanting to show in the world today. First up, **Love** is one very needed fruit that earthlings can gnaw on right now. Love meets people where they are, ..where are those thine accusers?... (John 8: 10,11). How many people get up day after day without proper sleep? They have no **peace**, sleep evades them. (1 Samuel 16:23) Peace for the people. Some **kindness, patience** and **healing guidance** would suit the multitude. In this sermon, I found none of the forenamed items. What I did find was ridicule, debasing, rudeness (what does "two buckskin brothers with beards." mean?), accusatory statements and blaming.

From my understanding, Christ came on the scene meeting the simplest needs of the people (John 2:1-11). Out of wine, he supplied that need for more wine. He became (Luke 8:43-48) Christ the Healer, a doctor for the sister that bled for twelve years. Ultimately the sacrificial Lamb with a following the biggest rock star on Facebook would die to have.

