

Hate The Sin! Love The Sinner!

We must love the sinner but hate their sin. As the world becomes more perverse, we have the responsibility to keep ourselves pure through the power of the Holy Ghost and the Word of God. Let's read how Jesus prayed about this subject in the book of John.

John 17:15-18 KJV I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. [18] As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

I want to share with you some things the Lord spoke with me about this last week. Many people in the secular world want Christians to believe that the sin the world is committing is ok; thereby condoning what the Bible says is wrong. If we don't agree that their sin is ok, they call us haters. This is a trick of the devil to get the Church to go to war with the world. (How can we win the world to Jesus, if we are at war with them?) In our modern day, sexual sin has become socially acceptable. Morality has gone out the window. When I was growing up, if a man and woman lived together without being married, it was completely unacceptable. Today many Christians and non-Christians think this is ok. Also when I was growing up, if you committed adultery, you could lose all your rights to property and, in some cases, even lose custody of your children. The sin of homosexuality was not allowed at all; being looked at as perversion. Some states had laws on the books that made it illegal to practice this sin. In the last 50 years, what God calls sin has become socially accepted; and if a Christian declares these lifestyles as wrong, they are labeled as haters of people. I want to give you Bible verses that tell us that God looks at these actions as sin; then I'll give you what our response should be to the people that commit these acts.

Galatians 5:19 KJV Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Romans 1:26-27 NCV Because people did those things, God left them and let them do the shameful things they wanted to do. Women stopped having natural sex and started having sex with other women.[27] In the same way, men stopped having natural sex and began wanting each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and in their bodies they received the punishment for those wrongs.

Leviticus 18:20,22-23 NCV [20] " 'You must not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and make yourself unclean with her.[22] " 'You must not have sexual relations with a man as you would a woman. That is a hateful sin. [23] " 'You must not have sexual relations with an animal and make yourself unclean with it. Also a woman must not have sexual relations with an animal; it is not natural.

Now remember that we cannot win sinners to Jesus if we are at war with them. Satan wants us to get into arguments with them over their right to sin. This might shock you, but I believe that God gives non-Christians the right to choose to sin. Look at what happened in the Garden of Eden. God gave Adam and Eve the right to choose; they ate

the fruit, and they payed the consequences. I would be going against God if I tried to force a non-Christian to stop sinning . He has given everyone the right to choose, but with that choice comes consequences.

When we received Jesus as our Savior, we're no longer our own. Jesus purchased us with His blood, and we don't have the right to do whatever we want. When a sinner wants you to condone their lifestyle of sin, you must politely encourage them to read the Bible on that subject and ask God if it is ok. If you tell them you have accepted Jesus and that you read the Bible to find out what God wants you to do, most people will respect you; even if they don't agree. Remember we are not sent to the world to go to war with them but to preach Jesus to them so they can be saved. Love the sinner; hate the sin.

Also the more wicked the world becomes, the more we must teach our children what is right and wrong according to what the Bible says. Keep them protected by the words of Jesus.

Love you,
Pastor Paul