

THINGS A CHRISTIAN MUST HATE 110

TEXT: Ps. 119:104 **Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.**

INTRODUCTION:

A. Christianity is a religion of Love.

1. God is love- 1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.
2. This love gave us Christ- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
3. First two commandments are love for God and man- Matt.22:35-40 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, `You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: `You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
4. Love is the badge of Christ disciples- John 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.
5. Christians are to love their enemies- Matt. 5:43-44 You have heard that it was said, `You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,.

B. There are things a Christian must hate also.

BODY:

I. A CHRISTIAN MUST HATE EVIL.

- A. If we love God we will hate evil- Ps. 97:10 **You who love the Lord hate evil.**
- B. A Christian must discern good and evil- Heb. 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

- C. The "New Morality" reverses good and evil- Isa. 5:20 **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

II. A CHRISTIAN MUST HATE FALSE TEACHING.

- A. If we understand God's way we will hate false ways- Ps.119:104 **Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.**

1. God's will is known only from His word.
2. A Christian must oppose false doctrine.
 - a. Phil. 1:16-17 set for the defense The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.
 - b. 2 Tim. 4:1-4 Preach the word. I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
 - c. Jude 3 Continue for the faith.

- B. We must hate the teaching but love the soul of the teacher.

1. Rev. 2:6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
2. James 5:19-20. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

III. A CHRISTIAN MUST HATE WHAT GOD HATES.

- A. Prov. 6:16-19. **These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.**

1. Haughty eyes- Mich. 6:8. **He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?**
2. Lying tongue- Eph. 4:25. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.
3. Hands that shed blood- 1 John 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
4. Heart that devises wicked- Prov. 4:23 **Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.**
5. Feet that run to mischief- Ps. 1:1 (NKJV) Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
6. False witness- Rev. 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
7. He that soweth discord.
 - a. Rom. 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. .
 - b. 1 Cor. 1:10. Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- B. Divorce- Mala 2:13 -16 **And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the Lord with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands. Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore**

take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. "For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

- C. To be Godly (God Like) we must hate evil as strongly as we love good- Rom. 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

IV. A CHRISTIAN MUST "HATE" ANYTHING THAT KEEPS HIM FROM WORSHIP.

- A. "Hate" family- Lk. 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.
- B. Hate is used as to love less. Preference of one over another.
- C. Hate even his own life- Matt. 16:24-26. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

CONCLUSION:

- A. There is a "Time to love and time to hate" Ecc. 3:8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.
- B. Christians must hate:
 - 1. Evil.
 - 2. False teaching.
 - 3. Things God Hates.
 - 4. His own life.
- C. Only by hating evil can we show true love for God and Man.
- D. Do you love Him enough to obey Him. John 14:15 "If you love me keep my commandments."