

DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY...

“GOD HATES THE SIN, AND LOVES THE SINNER”

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“For God loved the world in this way: He gave HIS one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 CSB

1. Why are we inclined to make the statement that God hates the sin, but loves the sinner? Do you agree with this statement?

2. Look up these Bible verses.

Psalm 5:5

Psalm 9:5

Malachi 1:2

John 3:16

1 Timothy 2:4

1 John 4:8

How do we understand these Bible verses in light of our sermon title?

- **Understand what “Hate” is and what “Love” is.**

Hate = feel intense dislike for (someone).

Love (according to the Bible) is from the Greek word agape meaning purposeful commitment...

What is the opposite of hate? How is “Biblical/agape love” different from the way our culture speaks of love? Can you hate someone and still “agape love” them?

- **Understand that God hates sin and the “unrepentant” sinner.**

A Holy God has to take sin seriously and have “intense dislike for” or hate sin. What are the consequences to all sin and for the person who does not repent of sin?

- **God agape-loves all people.**

God is able to agape-love all people while at the same time hate or have an “intense dislike for” sin and unrepentant sinners. Why is this so difficult for us? Why is it important to know that God agape-loves us?

- **It is best for us to hate sin, but agape-love the sinner.**

We are not God, but we are saved to reflect Him to others. Read Philippians 2:4-5. How does Jesus become a model for us? How does this mindset help us to be witnesses for Jesus?