

# Stupid Things Christians Do in Jesus' Name, And What You Can do About it. Hate.

There probably is not one single thing which so turns people off Christianity as Christians who hate other people loudly, painfully, and viciously.

**1 John 2:9-11** <sup>9</sup> *Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.* <sup>10</sup> *Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.* <sup>11</sup> *But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.*

What is hate?

Hate is a feeling of strong antagonism and dislike which leads to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

What does the Bible say about hate?

**Matthew 5:43-48** <sup>43</sup> *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'* <sup>44</sup> *But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,* <sup>45</sup> *that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.* <sup>46</sup> *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?* <sup>47</sup> *And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?*

Does the Old Testament have a different message about hate?

**Leviticus 19:15-18** <sup>15</sup> *"Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.* <sup>16</sup> *"Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD.* <sup>17</sup> *"Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.* <sup>18</sup> *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.*

Other verses: **Zechariah 8:16-17, Amos 5:14-15, Psalm 101:3-4.**

What can we do about the fact that many people think Christianity is full of hate?

1) There is not an \_\_\_\_\_ that you have to try and explain or apologize for

between the Old and New Testament in regards to hate.

2) We must live knowing that we have no right to \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.

3) We should hate those things which \_\_\_\_\_ hates.