

God Hates Sinners

- I. Contrary to the opinion of the majority of the religious world, God hates both sin and *sinner*.
 1. It is commonly taught that “God hates the sin, but not the sinner” and that God loves everybody (**Joh 3:16**).
 2. God hates not only the *works* of iniquity (**Hab 1:13**), but the *workers* of iniquity (**Psa 5:5; Psa 11:5**).
 - A. **Hab 1:13** - Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity...
 - B. **Psa 5:5** - The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all *workers* of iniquity.
 - C. **Psa 11:5** - The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
 3. **Iniquity** *n.* - 1. The quality of being unrighteous, or (more often) unrighteous action or conduct; unrighteousness, wickedness, sin;
 4. We are all workers of iniquity (sinners) by nature and by birth (**Rom 5:12; Rom 3:23; Eph 2:1-3**).
 - A. **Rom 5:12** - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
 - B. **Rom 3:23** - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
 - C. **Eph 2:1** - And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
 - D. **Eph 2:2** - Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
 - E. **Eph 2:3** - Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were *by nature* the children of wrath, even as others.
 5. God hates men because of their sinful nature, even before they commit sin themselves (**Rom 9:11-13**).
 - A. **Rom 9:11** - (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)
 - B. **Rom 9:12** - It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
 - C. **Rom 9:13** - As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
 6. Before God acted upon us by grace, we were all enemies of God (**Rom 5:10**) and at enmity against God (**Rom 8:7**).
 - A. **Rom 5:10** - For if, when we were *enemies*, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
 - B. **Enemy** *n.* - 1. One that cherishes hatred, that wishes or seeks to do ill to another; also in weaker sense, an adversary, antagonist, opponent.
 - C. **Rom 8:7** - Because the carnal mind is *enmity against God*: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
 - D. **Enmity** *n.* - The disposition or the feelings characteristic of an enemy; ill-will, hatred.
 7. God chose to love some sinners and give them to Jesus Christ to die for, and those workers of iniquity are no longer the object of God’s hatred, but rather of His love (**Eph 1:4-7; Col 1:20-22; Rom 9:11-13**).

- A. **Eph 1:4** - According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
 - B. **Eph 1:5** - Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
 - C. **Eph 1:6** - To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 - D. **Eph 1:7** - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 - E. **Col 1:20** - And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
 - F. **Col 1:21** - And you, that were sometime alienated and *enemies* in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
 - G. **Col 1:22** - In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:
 - H. **Rom 9:11** - (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)
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8. The rest of the workers of iniquity are not God's children and are not known of God and will therefore be told to "depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (**Mat 7:21-23**).
- A. **Mat 7:21** - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
 - B. **Mat 7:22** - Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
 - C. **Mat 7:23** - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.