

The Israel of God Bible Study Class

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Does God Love Everyone?

Christendom repeatedly say things like, “God loves us all so much that He will save us all”; or “He hates the sin, but loves the sinner”; or “God is love, and will not send anyone to hell.” Christendom teaches that God is so full of love, and that He simply cannot send anyone to eternal hell fire. It is against His infinite love. They want God to forgive all, even those who openly reject Him and die cursing God. I must admit, it is nice to think of God's love being so infinitely great that all will ultimately be saved. The Lake of Fire (Hell) is a terrible place and I don't want anyone to go there, but it does not matter what I think. All that matters is what the Bible says. God is love: (1John:4:8), but God also punishes the sinner and hates all who do iniquity. God is not one sided. He is not simply an infinitely loving God. He is also infinitely just. He must deal with sin. He must punish the sinner. He cannot lie: (Titus1:2) “which God, that cannot lie,” In the truth of God's word, we find that the Lord has provided one way by which we may be saved. That single way is through Jesus' sacrifice. For all who trust in Him, and do His commandments, salvation will come. But to those who turn away, God's wrath abides upon them: (John 3:36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Does God hate anyone? The answer is yes.

(Psalm 5:5) The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

(Psalm11:5) The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

(Lev.20:23) “Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them.”

(Prov 6:16-19) (v.16) These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him (v.17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,(v.18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,(v.19) A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

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(Hosea 9:15) All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.

Are these verses hard to read? Do they make you feel uncomfortable? They should.

God hates sin. But, he does not punish sin. He punishes the sinner. Sin cannot be tied up and thrown into a fire. It cannot be put in a box or glued to a stick. It is rebellion. It is rebellion in the heart! It is breaking God's Law. Sin occurs inside the heart which is the mind of people. Therefore, God must punish the sinner. (Is.26:21) "For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity:" Why? Because He is both Holy and Just and the person who sins offends God. God's Holy and Just character will not allow Him to ignore this offense. Remember that: (Num.23:19) "God is not a man, that he should lie;"

God's Law is Perfect

When God said, (Gen 1:3) "Let there be light," it happened. When He commanded that the oceans be, they came into existence. God's word is powerful. What He says is never futile, empty, or without power. The Law is a reflection of God's character. It is pure: (Pro.30:5) "Every word of God is pure:" and perfect: (Psalm 19:7) "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:" It is powerful: (Heb 4:12) "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword," The Ten Commandments reflect God's holiness and justice. These commandments are not without punishments. A law without consequences is only an empty slogan. To sin is to break God's Law- (1John 3:4) "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law" - and offend His character. To sin means to challenge His character and authority. It means you go against His word. Keep in mind, (He.6:18) "it was impossible for God to lie," His word is true. (Is 55:11) "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it". He has said it, and it will be accomplished.

But, praise be to God, (Rom.5:6) "in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." There is no way we can be clean before God. That is why God became one of us (John 1:1,14;

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Heb.2:17), to take our place and become sin on our behalf (2 Cor.5:21). Therefore, people have two options:

Trust Jesus, God in flesh, as your savior and put your faith in the sacrifice that He made on the cross and in nothing you do.

Reject Jesus and the sacrifice that He made and let the penalty of the Law fall upon you.

Either God pays or you do, forever. Which will it be? (Heb 10:26) "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins". If there is no sacrifice available for you, then God's wrath abides upon you because He hates sin and your sin is not removed (John 3:36). Trust Jesus alone or the wrath of God will abide upon you forever.

The sobering fact is that God is so holy and righteous that He hates the sinner (Psalm 5:5, Lev.20:23, Prov.6:16-19, Hos.9:15). Some may say that we should say that God only hates the sin, but loves the sinner. But the above scriptures speak contrary to that.

(Pro.8:17) "I love them that love me;" (John 14:15) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

It is better to accept the love of God found in Jesus than to reject it and suffer His wrath.

I believe therefore I speak. Always remember that there is peace in Jesus. May the Lord God give skill and understanding to all who truly seek the truth.

In Jesus name, A-MEN.