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There is a movement in our country today to disassemble America.

The forefathers of our nation recognized the importance of being free & that we had a Creator.

They wanted to insure that every American had the right to pursue GOD - without the government interfering.

They drafted in the Declaration of Independence:

- *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

But there are organizations today who don't want you happy & they certainly don't want to believe that we are all equal.

So, they are pushing our government to make radical changes to our society.

They want to remove our history, disrupt our way of life & very soon, they will want to do away with the church.

Our forefathers wanted to insure that we could worship GOD & practice what is written in the HOLY SCRIPTURES, without the government interfering.

The Constitution says:

- *“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”*

But there are organizations today that are trying to silence the voice of our Constitution & trying to impose on America a way of life that is not consistent with our values.

They want to silence the voice of love & peace.



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This voice we are hearing – is hate.

This voice of hate not only contradicts the Declaration of Independence & the Constitution – but it contradicts the HOLY BIBLE & it is offensive to the WORD of GOD.

We are free in this country to exercise our obedience to GOD & to express in our lives the very Word of GOD – and the fabric of our faith – which is love.

- † **1 John 4:21** - And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

There is a voice of hate trying to divide the human race.

There is not one race created by GOD almighty that is superior over another.

There is not one skin color that is less in GOD's eyes.

1. THE HATE SKIN COLOR – IS NOT LOVE.

- † **John 13:34** - A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- † **John 13:35** - By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

The Bible teaches we are to be loving, peaceful & forgiving – not practicing hate.

2. THE HATE SEXUALITY – IS NOT LOVE.

- † **1 John 3:13** - Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Hatred is murder & hatred will not enter heaven.

3. THE MURDER OF BABIES – IS NOT LOVE.

- † **Proverbs 6:16** - These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:
- † **Proverbs 6:17** - A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Babies are innocent & GOD is disgusted by the murder of the innocent.



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Murder & hatred, like all sin, must be dealt with at the cross.

- † **Romans 6:6** - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

4. THE DESTRUCTION OF FAMILY – IS NOT LOVE.

GOD has a specific design for the family – one man, one woman, for one life time.

- † **Romans 7:2** - For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.
- † **Romans 7:3** - So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

GOD has a plan for the family – we are to love one another “til death do we part”.

We are to love our families through all of our heartaches, trials & imperfections.

5. THE DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA – IS NOT LOVE.

- † **Proverbs 14:34** - Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin [is] a reproach to any people.
- † **Isaiah 1:4** - Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.
- † **Jeremiah 12:17** - But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

America – and the church, has turn our hearts back to GOD.

We cannot continue to be a sinful nation - hating skin color or a person because of their sexuality.

We cannot continue to destroy the family – killing babies or walking away from marriages.

We cannot continue to destroy America – electing leaders who contradict GOD’s word.

We must love – through our differences – whether political or spiritual.



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- † **1 John 4:7** - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
- † **1 John 4:8** - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- † **1 John 4:9** - In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
- † **1 John 4:10** - Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- † **1 John 4:11** - Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- † **1 John 4:12** - No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- † **1 John 4:13** - Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
- † **1 John 4:14** - And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
- † **1 John 4:15** - Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
- † **1 John 4:16** - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- † **1 John 4:17** - Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
- † **1 John 4:18** - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- † **1 John 4:19** - We love him, because he first loved us.
- † **1 John 4:20** - If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
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Friday, a Billboard went up advertising today's message: "Love GOD, Love People".

Today when you leave, you'll receive a free t-shirt that says: "Love GOD, Love People".

As you go about your day, as you go about your week – do just that: "Love GOD, Love People."

As Christians, we don't have to agree with everyone on every issue - but we are required to love.

As Americans, we have the freedom to live happy – and so does our fellow Americans.

We will sit a better example of how to be a Christian if we simply: "Love GOD, Love People".

We will sit a better example of what it means to be an American if we simply: "Love GOD, Love People".

Don't let someone's skin color, sexual preference or political views feed hate: "Love GOD, Love People".

Although we may not agree with all of the hot topic issues in our society today, we must obey the two great commandments.

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This week, let's give our best effort as Christians & as Americans to: "Love GOD, Love People".



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