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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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