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may never say it with their mouth, but that is the many times the root of their feelings against God.

*"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."* John 15:18

**They may have guilt from their sin.** Many deal with this guilt in different ways. Some, instead of stopping their sin, turn their hearts against the one that showed them their actions were biblically wrong. One that is living the proper, (most know in their heart, automatically, what is right and what is wrong) godly life many times heightens their guilt just by a godly lifestyle. They resent any light that is put on their iniquity.

*"For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.."* John 3:20

**They are on the enemy's side.** There are two sides: God's and Satan's. People may be against the things of God, because they are against God and for Satan.

*"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."* Matthew 12:30

*"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not*

*in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* John 8:44 (Jesus was speaking to the 'religious' leaders at the time.)

There is a spiritual battle raging; so expect skirmishes:

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* Ephesians 6:12

**They see hypocrisy.** The unsaved, much of the time, have expectations of how a Christian should act. When they see the professing Christian not practicing what is preached or not living the way they are expected to, a bitterness can be built up against Christianity. One of most damaging forces to the cause of Christ, is the liberal church movement. They have removed much of the credibility, godliness, and character from Jesus' own church, and the unsaved world clearly sees their hypocrisy and disobedience. We are to be an example for the cause of Christ in how we live our lives.

*"Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* Matthew 15:7-9



## Thoughts on Christianity

By Bill Brinkworth

For over 200 years, the United States has boasted of its Christian roots. Certainly, not everyone was a Christian, but there was certain respect for those that touted their Christianity. Being a Christian stood for something. It represented honesty, integrity, faithfulness, and godliness. The character of an obedient Christian was much desired.

Here are some of the supporting opinions of Christianity in the past:

★ Patrick Henry: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



★ "The Founders wanted to guarantee freedom of religion," (Legislating Morality.)

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## Why Christianity Is Opposed

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There has always been an animosity for those that live a lifestyle in accordance with the Bible. It is the same disdain that had Christ nailed to the cross. This resentment towards Christianity is certainly alive and doing terrible today. Ill feelings are particularly shown against Christians that are attempting to obey the Bible to the best of their ability.

True biblical Christianity does not, nor has ever been a physical threat (Do not say, Christianity has killed many. It was certain religions, not true believers, that committed those atrocities). Christianity has always improved nations, converted the sinner into a contributing member of society, given to worthy causes, helped the unfortunate, and done many other positive things. Then why are so many voicing disdain against Christianity? Here is a brief examination as to why many oppose Christians and Christianity:

**They may hate God.** They

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Co-author Frank Turek, p. 80, 1998.)

- ★ Horace Greeley: "It is impossible to enslave mentally and socially a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom."
- ★ The Judiciary Committee: "The great, vital, and conservative element in our system (the thing that holds our system together) is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." (The Judiciary Committee of the U.S. 1854.)
- ★ Benjamin Franklin: "If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be if without it?" (Franklin confronting religious critic Thomas Paine.)

The favorable interest in Christianity is fading fast. Here are a few opinions and observations that illustrate the disastrous trend:

- ★ Adolph Hitler, (German dictator & Nazi fascist): "The heaviest blow that ever struck humanity was the coming of Christianity." Bolshevism is Christianity's illegitimate child ..."
- ★ Rush Limbaugh: "There is an all-out assault now on the Christian community in this country." (TV program. June 9, 1994.)
- ★ "Bill Clinton said the middle-

class folks in Topeka who contribute to The 700 Club or Focus on the Family are radicals whose beliefs pose a mortal danger to this nation!" (Who's Afraid of the Religious Right? p. 12. 1996.)

- ★ Senator Jesse Helms: "Within my own lifetime, I have seen the most ferocious assaults on Christian faith and morals; first on the part of the intellectual community, and then on the part of the government...the federal government has not even tried to conceal its hostility to religion." (Who Will Rule the Future? by Paul McGuire.)
- ★ Tim LaHaye: "Liberal humanists now seem to dominate the fields of art, journalism, and communication, which are powerful and uniquely able to spread anti-Christian thought."
- ★ Tim LaHaye: "Rock musicians are consistent in their disdain and irreverent treatment of Jesus Christ."
- ★ "The feminist movement in Western culture is engaged in the slow execution of Christ and Jahweh." (Naomi Goldenberg, feminist.)

**All it takes to lose our country's Christian principles is for good men and women to do nothing!**

- ★ Peter Jones: "Gary L. Bauer, 'In Front of the Children,' Family Research Council Washington Watch (May 1993), reports that at the April 23-25 Homosexual March on Washington, the marchers called for the persecution of Christians by chanting, 'Bring on the lions.'"
- ★ F. LaGard Smith: "The ACLU is not just religiously neutral, but staunchly anti-religious. Particularly, anti-Christian." (ACLU: The Devil's Advocate, p. 150, 1996.)
- ★ Supreme Court: "If portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be and...had been psychologically harmful to the child." (The Supreme Court. *Abington v. Schempp*. 374 U.S. 203, 1963.)
- ★ "Over-population is the 'cause of drive-by shootings' and other social ills, but the root of the problem is Christianity, which posits that people are more important than sea otters and elephants." (Ted Turner, TV mogul & activist. p. 26. *National Review*. 6/8/92.)
- ★ Dan Quayle: "What the media wants and what the media demands of Christians is very simply this: your silence." (Former Vice President, U.S. *Wall Street Journal*.)

**It is better to incur the world's hatred by testifying against its wickedness, than gain its goodwill by going down the stream with it.**

## Not Recognized

*From Missionary Baptist News*

A story is told of a North Carolina preacher who lived in the days when traveling preachers were entertained at hotels free of charge. A particular preacher put up at a hotel for a few days, where he was most hospitably entertained by the host, but as he was leaving, he was much surprised to be presented with a bill.

"Why?" he said, "I thought preachers were entertained free."

"Well," said the innkeeper, "you came and ate your meals without asking the blessing; no one has ever seen you with a Bible; you smoked big cigars, while you were here; you talked about everything but religion. Pray, how were we to know that you were a preacher? You have lived like a sinner; so now you will have to pay with the sinners."

**A hypocrite is a fellow who isn't himself on Sundays!**