

Evidence of a Healthy Church: Love Those Who Oppose and Hate You

1. The Gospel is Our Mission, Not Politics (1:5-8; 2:1-4)

- A. The Thessalonians _____ the Lord Jesus – what was Jesus' mission? **Lk5:31-32; Lk19:10*
1. Did Jesus ever teach on changing the Roman gov't? Politics? **Was the gov't bad?*
 2. Did Paul teach on changing the gov't? He said to obey it, unless it told us to disobey God
- B. What is our mission as the church? _____ **Acts1:8*
1. Why do we care about abortion? About borders and human trafficking? Homosexuality?

 2. No matter what the gov't does, our mission is people!
 3. Do we care about the gov't's policies? _____
- C. Charlie Kirk used his amazing giftedness to build a _____ to tell others about Christ!
1. He ***used*** politics and debate w/ any and everyone around the world; in order to share his faith in Christ; this is what he said and what he wanted to be remembered for – *this is why our enemy, Satan, wanted him dead!*
 2. What happened to Stephen before and after he was murdered?! **Acts6:8-15; Acts8:1-4*
 3. ***How*** will you use your giftedness to build a bridge to the lost for the gospel?!!!

2. Love Those Who Oppose and Hate You (2:7-8,14-15; 3:12-13)

- A. How did Jesus treat those who _____ Him and opposed Him? **Luke6:26-32*
1. God does not delight in the death of the wicked! *Ezk18:23; Ezk33:11*
 2. ***Romans5:7-9*** – Christ died for His enemies – _____!
- B. The spirit of the world, which is _____ and dominates our day, is this: when someone disagrees or is not like you – hate, violence, cut them off, ghost them, or even kill them
1. Think of those who have cheered that Charlie Kirk was murdered – how disgusting!
 2. *This same spirit is in the church*, I won't talk to you face to face, but cut you off – hate!
 3. God does NOT allow for this w/ His people – loving people is talking w/ them face to face, doing good to them, trying to restore relationships, praying for them
**Here is what God says... 1Jn3:18; 1Jn4:19-21; Romans12:9-21*

3. Your Life is a Vapor (1Thess4:13; Ja4:13-17)

- A. Do you know when your life will end? **What is your birthday?* ____ *What is your death day?* ____
**Tomorrow is not certain, ONLY today! Are you ready for eternity? Where will you be?*
- B. Charlie Kirk posted on X this past Saturday: "Jesus defeated death so you can live."
**What will you do with the ONE life God has given you, AND your salvation; and the time you have left?* _____

