

# Consuming Fire Fellowship

## Do We Hate Homosexuals?

*“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”—Galatians 4:16*

Because of our aggressive public stance against the sin of *homosexuality*, we at *Consuming Fire Fellowship* are often accused of *hating* the *LGBTQ community*. Is this true? First, it's important to note, such an accusation is both self-defeating and hypocritical. If publicly and passionately disagreeing with a group's ideology constitutes '*hate*', then the *LGBTQ community* indeed hates God, His Word, His Church, and all of Christianity, including *us*. Are *Homosexuals* so intellectually dishonest they are willing to assert the motivation behind every *disagreements* is *hatred*? I would hope not, as this would be an absurd assumption. Indeed, absolutely equating *disagreement* with *hatred* is to grossly misunderstand and misapply both terms.

The plain and well documented fact is we at *Consuming Fire Fellowship* simply hold to a Scriptural position on homosexuality which is consistent with historical, Evangelical Protestantism. What we believe and teach about homosexuality is exactly what is believed by and taught in a multitude of other evangelical churches throughout the world. Moreover, if we are utterly convinced that the *sin of homosexuality* sends men to *hell* (*and we are*) and yet refuse to warn homosexuals, then we cannot claim to be loving and concerned for their souls (*Ezk 3:18; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Rom 1*). The truth is, if we actually did hate *homosexuals*, we would simply leave them alone and let them go to *hell*. So no, we do not hate homosexuals—in truth, we desire to see them come to *Christ* to be saved and completely delivered—nor do we condone violence against homosexuals or the vile language and signs used by the likes of the infamous *Westboro Baptist Church*.

As a church, we humbly seek to rightly understand and be faithful to what the Scriptures teach on all matters of faith and life. Furthermore, as our church our ministry outside the walls of the church is an ongoing *Gospel witness* to the world abroad. We preach at college campuses, on the streets, at events, in prisons, at nursing homes, at abortion mills, and generally anywhere people gather. Granted, we make no apology for publicly preaching to sodomites, but our focus and burden is far broader than just to the *LGBTQ community*. After all, everyone needs *Jesus*.

*“When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.” —Ezekiel 3:18*