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1. God helps those who help themselves
2. God won't give you more than you can handle
3. God said it, I believe it, that settles it
4. **Love the sinner hate the sin**
5. Everything happens for a reason

Most of us as Christians have things we believe, and tell others, and even count on, that we've not carefully examined.

Some of the things we accept and repeat to others sound so true, and we've believed them for so long, that they become what some call 'sacred cows' – things above question or criticism.

When these beliefs are questioned we become defensive or irritated.

We may even worry that if the beliefs aren't true, the rest of our faith may crumble.

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The Big Story of Scripture



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“All have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

Miss the mark

Stray from the path



LOVE THE SINNER, HATE THE SIN

Jesus never said it!



St Augustine, 4th Century "Love for mankind and hatred for sins"

LOVE THE SINNER, HATE THE SIN

Are all sins are the same?

“All have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

Cheating ...

...at cards

...on your wife

True with God, but different human consequences

ALL SINS ARE NOT THE SAME

You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away

Matthew 5 :29

Sin is really serious

JESUS NEVER TOLD US TO “LOVE THE SINNER”

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?
Jesus replied: “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments

Matthew 22:36-40

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:43-44

The importance of the apple in scripture



WHY DOESN'T JESUS TELL US TO LOVE SINNERS?

(The only parable about church.)

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God , I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get”

Luke 18:10-14

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“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God have mercy on me, a sinner.”

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted”

Luke 18:10-14

WHY DOESN'T JESUS TELL US TO LOVE SINNERS?

To some who were
confident in their own
righteousness and
looked down on
everybody else

Luke 18:10-14

WHY DOESN'T JESUS TELL US TO LOVE SINNERS?

“ Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:1-5

HATE THE SIN?

**“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling
to what is good” (in you)**

Romans 12:9

CALLED TO LOVE

It's the Holy Spirit's
job to convict;
Its God's job to judge;
And its our job to love

Billy Graham



God's offer

All

People

Perfect

Love

Eternal



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The truth in “Love the sinner, hate the sin”

Stops with the first word:

LOVE.

Lets love one another and strive to lay aside our own sin, while demonstrating humility and grace towards others.

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