

PRAY • WHAT'S THE MOST COMMON PROBLEM WITH GOD: HOW COULD HE _____ ?
 SAME PROBLEM WITH ANY RELATIONSHIP EVER!! • FOR FOUR WEEKS

How could a loving God be opposed to so many people?

HOW COULD IMPLIES EXPECTATION OF HIM • MY UNDERSTANDING • DISCONNECT
 OUR GREATEST PROBLEMS COME WHEN WE LOOK AT GOD THROUGH THE LENS OF PEOPLE

How Could He Be Loving?

Why are Christians such bigots?

RFRA/ACLU • BOYCOTT INDIANA • HUMAN RELATIONS ORDINANCE

1. Christians tend to be **PRESERVATIONISTS**.
2. Christians tend to have a deep sense of **RIGHT** and **WRONG**.
3. Christians are so focused on **HEAVEN** that we forget **JESUS**.
 LUKE 18:9-14 • BOTH MEN NEED JUSTIFICATION, RELIGIOUS MAN WAS WRONG, GOD ACCEPTS ANYONE WHO SEES HIS SIN AND ASKS FOR MERCY
4. Christians who act like this are **WRONG**.
 JAMES 2:8-9

But doesn't the Bible say...?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10 • MATTHEW 5:21-22 • 1 JOHN 4:16

How is that loving?

Three Kinds of Love:

1. desire / passion
 LONGS TO OWN/POSSESS, INTRINSICALLY SELFISH & OBJECTIFYING
 GOD DOESN'T HAVE THIS AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT A GOD WHO DID
2. satisfaction
 PIZZA • "YOU ARE PERFECT THE WAY YOU ARE" • FIRST MONTHS OF DATING, OBJECTIFYING
 GOD DOESN'T HAVE THIS AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT A GOD WHO DID
3. optimistic sacrifice
 I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL WORK OUT, BUT I'LL GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU TO ADVANCE
 END OF LIFE • GOOD PARENT IN DISCIPLINE • WE NEED A GOD LIKE THAT!

God's love is embodied in this phrase:

I love you so much that I will sacrifice **ME**,

so you can **BECOME YOU**.

JOHN 15:13-14 • I LOVE YOU, SO I WANT YOU TO CHANGE.

Take it Home

GOD DOES NOT OPPOSE YOU, BUT HE CANNOT LOVE YOU AND LEAVE YOU ALONE.

Help people **SEE** and know **GOD'S LOVE**.

ADDRESS NON-BELIEVERS LIKE JESUS • ADDRESS BELIEVERS LIKE PAUL

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