



What About "Hate Crimes"? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Question: What is the difference between "crimes" and "hate crimes"?

Answer:

By designating a separate category for "hate crimes" the Government may bypass the U.S. Constitution's 5th Amendment, protection of a citizen against "double jeopardy" or being tried more than once for a crime, and resulting in multiple punishments for the same offense.

GOVERNMENT HAS NO HATRED PREVENTION PLAN

Crimes denoted as "hate crimes" (usually defined in "politically correct" terms instead of moral right and wrong) can bring about a Federal prosecution and punishment in addition to the State and/ or local prosecution. During President Clinton's Administration, Congress defined a hate crime as:

A crime in which the defendant intentionally selects a victim, or in the case of a property crime, the property that is the object of the crime, because of the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, or sexual orientation of any person [Section 280003 (a) of the **Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994** (28 U.S.C. 994 note)].

When this passed, where were those who said they should not legislate morality? Was this not a "moral judgment against specific crimes?" When this passed, where were the groups claiming to uphold "individual's rights?" Does this not violate the 5th Amendment that guaranteed some individual rights? When this passed, did this mean no other crime involves hatred?

Unfortunately, legally the "hate crime" label becomes little more than an opportunity for government to doubly prosecute some people for some crimes, but makes absolutely no provision for teaching "a more excellent way" of love (cf. **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**).

THE BIBLE SHOWS ALL SIN STEMS FROM HATRED

The Bible makes no such distinction between sin and "hate" sins, for it deals in moral absolutes and human errors. All sin is "hate" sin! In **Mark 12:29-31**,

Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and

with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Cf. **Deuteronomy 6:4- 5; Leviticus 19:18; Romans 13:8-9**).

Paul adds this inspired comment:

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law (**Romans 13:10**).

Since all of God's commandments are aimed at eliciting love of God and mankind, and since "love does no harm" to anyone, then obeying God's law through Jesus Christ today hurts no one. Sin by definition is "lawlessness" (**1 John 3:4**), "all unrighteousness" (**1 John 5:17**), and is that which causes everyone practicing it to be "living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another" (**Titus 3:3**). The world either loves its own or hates those converted to Christ (**John 15:19**).

Hatred is the opposite of love! God's Law is certainly directed at hateful human hearts who are: lawless and insubordinate, ungodly and sinners, unholy and profane, murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, manslayers, fornicators, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, perjurers; and for them to correct their lives and:

Love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith [and to know] that the law is good if one uses it lawfully (**1 Timothy 1:5-11**).

Jesus taught His disciples to

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you" (**Luke 6:27-28**).

He thus reverses sinful ways.

Roman Catholicism, the Church of England, and all other self-styled "defenders of the faith," who have taught violence "in the name of Christ" are perverters of truth who teach the Devil's ways and are contrary to Jesus Christ (**John 18:36; Titus 3:1-8**).

Islam, and similar cult religions, are based upon hatred for their enemies, offering little or no justification for forgiveness, and teach their children so! Signs on kindergarten walls of the Palestinian group Hamas say "The children of the kindergarten are the martyrs of tomorrow."

In return for 'martyrdom,' Hamas tells the youths that their families will be financially compensated, their pictures will be posted in schools and mosques, and they will earn a special place in heaven (page 80, from "Wired for Death" by Jack Kelley, **Reader's Digest**, October, 2001, Pleasantville, NY).

Agreeing with a common misunderstanding of Judaism's "eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth" Mohammed's **Qu'ran (sura 2)** taught:

Fight for the sake of Allah those that fight against you, but do not attack them first. Allah does not love the aggressors. Kill them wherever you

find them... Fight against them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme. But if they mend their ways, fight none except the evil-doers.

WORLDLY PEOPLE HAVE TWO WAYS TO DEAL WITH HATRED

Worldly people disguise hatred by calling it: road rage, getting even, domestic abuse, date rape, telling someone off, suing everyone in sight, sexual harassment, soaking the rich, or disrespect of parents and all authorities. Sometimes it's called "celebrating" if violent rioting breaks out in cities when their professional athletic team wins, and in Oakland, California, when their team lost the Super Bowl in 2003. Win or lose, sinners will make an excuse to violently break loose with their hatred.

Worldly people also disdain, i.e. pour contempt on, Jesus Christ and all the good He taught, but then He said in **John 15:17-21**,

"These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me."

Everyone who finds fault with Jesus and His way proves he/she has a heart full of hatred and needs the forgiveness only Jesus provides.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO REMEDIES FOR HATRED.

Physical Death: According to Solomon, love, hatred, and envy all go to the grave when someone dies (**Ecclesiastes 9:5-6**). Unless those living ("under the sun") continue the grievances, each generation should start anew.

Spiritual Life: When a sinner repents of sins (thus turning from hatred) and is buried by baptism into the death of the Righteous One, he/ she may arise to walk with a new heart (**Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-7**). This new Christian must learn:

Above all these things [to] put on love, which is the bond of perfection (**Colossians 3:14**).

Right preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the right way will produce the right result in a sinner's life, helping the world get right with God and men (**Mark 16:15-16**).

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