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For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

**4-27-2015            Hate-filled Strife**

There can be no question that in the world, "hatred" is preached and practiced! Christians should leave this behind, for Paul wrote in **Titus 3:3**:

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

There is a third word for "hatred" listed as a "work of the flesh" that disqualifies anyone from inheriting "the kingdom of God" (**Galatians 5:19-21**).

Only the hateful stir up strife:

Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife" (**Proverbs 26:20-21**).

For the "love of God," we should "keep His commandments" (**1 John 5:3**).

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**4-28-2015            Transgender?**

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (**Genesis 1:27**).

Gender and sex for humans were established by God in the Creation. The first "male and female" were joined together in the purest of human relationships we call "marriage" (**Genesis 2:22-25**). Every attempt by humans to ignore those boundaries is sin. Sex without marriage is "fornication;" sex ignoring marriage is "adultery;" sex within one's own gender is "against nature" and "shameful" (**Romans 1:26-27**). Jesus confirmed Creation when He said,

From the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female' (**Mark 10:6**).

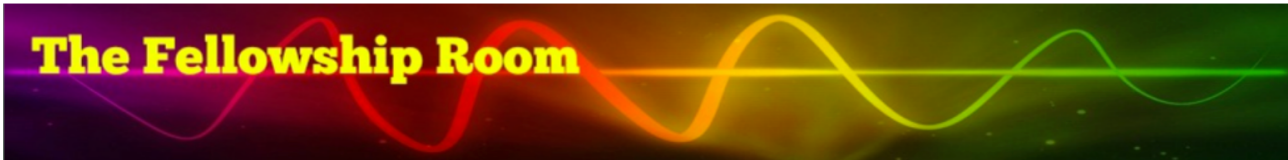
Crossing gender lines is perverting God's rule:

Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD" (**Proverbs 11:20**)

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**4-29-2015                      Street Crime**

David prayed:

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men (**Psalm 140:1**).

Solomon gave a reason for that:

A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way *that* is not good" (**Proverbs 16:29**).

Destructive violence in a land of laws is not the way of "Justice."

The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice (**Proverbs 21:7**).

The people who call for "justice" but preach violence are against "justice."

Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking (**Proverbs 24:1-2**).

Whether a city, state, or country, or a neighborhood gang, advocates of violence and plundering are nothing but lawless criminals!

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**4-30-2015                      The Lord-less Supper**

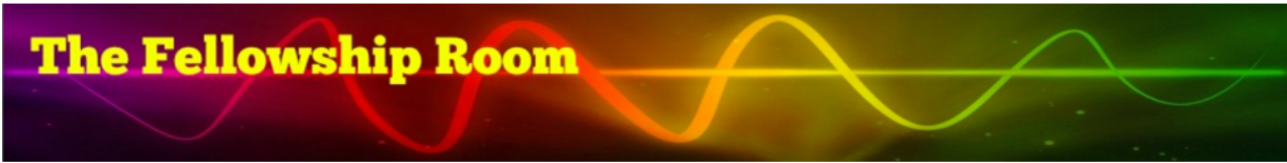
Jesus took the Jewish Passover elements and gave them new meaning for those in His kingdom. The unleavened bread is to remember His body, "the fruit of the vine" is to remember His "blood, which is shed for you" (**Luke 22:18-20**). Paul taught Christians:

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes (**1 Corinthians 11:26**).

Paul met with disciples "on the first *day* of the week" "to break bread" (**Acts 20:7**). Jesus' death has not properly been remembered by Christians without this weekly observance. Changing the elements, their meaning, or the time of observance, removes Jesus Christ from His Supper! Christians are those who have been baptized into Christ Jesus' death (**Romans 6:3**). Salvation before baptism removes Jesus from baptism.

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**5-1-2015                      Don't Be Cruel**

In the Old Testament, God exposed "bullying" when He said,

You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I *am* the LORD (**Leviticus 19:14**).

Cursing a "deaf" person who cannot hear the curse and respond is nothing but cruel. Putting a "stumbling block" in front of a "blind" person when they cannot avoid it is despicable. No examples of what bullying is about could be simpler to understand. God called His people back to this when He commanded:

Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother" (**Zechariah 7:9**).

If you were in their place, how would you like someone to do you that way? Jesus summed up this teaching when He said,

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (**Matthew 7:12**).

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