THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT Do I Hate You Because I Tell You The Truth?

Every so often I get accused of being a "hateful person" because I show someone what God's word says. Some claim that I hate them because I show them that they are living their lives in sin (Rom. 3:23). They will say that I am judgmental when I show them passages that say they will be lost for all eternity if they do not repent (Rom. 2:4; 1 Jn. 1:6). Some will claim that I am being too legalistic when I say that the Bible teaches that we must repent and be baptized for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16).

It's sad to say that some, even after reading and studying these Scriptures above, will come to the false assumption that I hate them. The truth is, if I hated folks, I wouldn't show them what God's word says!

If I didn't care about others, I wouldn't show them how God tells us all how to be forgiven of our sins if we follow His plan. If I truly despised men, I wouldn't spend any time trying to save souls. The ones who truly hate are the ones that know the truth and refuse to tell others about it. If you still think that I hate you, let me end asking the question that Paul asked in Galatians 4:16: "Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?"

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Sunday: 10 am,	<u>Website:</u>	your Bible
10:45 am & 5 pm Wednesday: 7 pm	http://caneyvillechurchofchrist.com <u>Location:</u> 103 N. Main St. Caneyville, KY <u>Phone:</u> 270-589-4167	questions and schedule a Bible study!