

GO ENGAGE
Part 1: HATE SPEECH
August 5, 2018

“... we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior.”
Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

HATE SPEECH

Speech that _____, _____, or _____ a person or group on the basis of national origin, ethnicity, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

“Pilate ... summoned Jesus and asked Him, “Are You the king of the Jews?” ... Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place.” “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me.”
John 18:33-37 (NIV)

- **As a follower of Jesus Christ, I have _____.**
I am a citizen of the United States, which guarantees my _____ of _____. That right allows me to say things that are _____ and _____. **But I am also a citizen of the Kingdom of God. And my king does not give me the _____ to say _____ I want, _____ I want, _____ I want.**

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church.”
Ephesians 4:11-15 (NLT)

- **As a citizen of the Kingdom of God, I am required to speak the _____ in _____.**

HOW DO I SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE?

I. SPEAKING THE TRUTH.

"To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:31-32 (NIV)

A. What's My _____?

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are."
Matthew 23:15 (NIV)

B. Who's My _____?

"So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too."
Acts 6:7 (NLT)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."
II Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

C. What's My _____?

II. SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged."
I Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT)

A. Beware My _____

"Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers, making the most of every opportunity. When you talk, you should always be kind and pleasant so you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should."
Colossians 4:5-6 (NCV)

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."
I Peter 3:15 (NIV)

B. Control My _____.

C. Know When _____ Is _____.

THE GOAL OF MY SPEECH: _____ WITHOUT

_____.

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- Examine my citizenship. Do I see myself as a citizen of heaven living under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Examine my speech? Do I speak the truth in love?
- Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card