



# What We Believe And Why

## *“Moral & Social Issues”*

- Introduction:
1. Some claim that we are a “Christian” nation, yet it is very clear that we live in a post Christian culture.
  2. Those who claim to wear the name Christian no longer impact society like they once did (Acts 17:8).
  3. Societal issues have come to mold the thinking of many religious people.
  4. The church of Christ, however, should not be swayed by public opinion on moral and social matters (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
  5. Let’s examine a few moral & social issues troubling our nation today.

### **I. The Abuse of Alcohol**

- A. (Proverbs 20:1).
- B. (Proverbs 23:31-32).
- C. (Ephesians 5:18).
- D. There are a number of reasons to oppose alcohol (deaths, abuse, addiction, illness, etc.), but the bottom line for the Christian is pursuing the wisdom of God.

### **II. Abortion**

- A. (Proverbs 6:16-19).
- B. God viewed the unborn baby and those who have already undergone the birth process the same (Exodus 21:22-23).
- C. Since 1973, our Supreme Court has legalized the murder of over 40 million innocent, and defenseless babies.
- D. This Summer, a ban on partial birth abortions was declared unconstitutional by our Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision.
- E. Furthermore, this Fall our nation approved the French abortion pill, RU 486.
- F. The measure of a nation can be determined by how the helpless are valued.
- G. (Revelation 21:8).

### **III. Sexual Sins**

- A. (1 John 2:16).
- B. Homosexuality (Romans 1:26-27), fornication (1 Corinthians 6:9-10), adultery (Galatians 5:19), immodesty (2 Timothy 2:22), dancing (Galatians 5:21), television & movies, music, (Philippians 4:6), etc...
- C. (Matthew 5:8; Hebrews 12:14).

- Conclusion:
1. In a world where compromise and tolerance are seen as supreme virtues, the Lord’s church must stand firm and speak the truth in love.
  2. We cannot allow ourselves to be poisoned by imbibing in small habitual doses.

3. Stand strong, uphold the truth in love, and if need be, stand alone!