

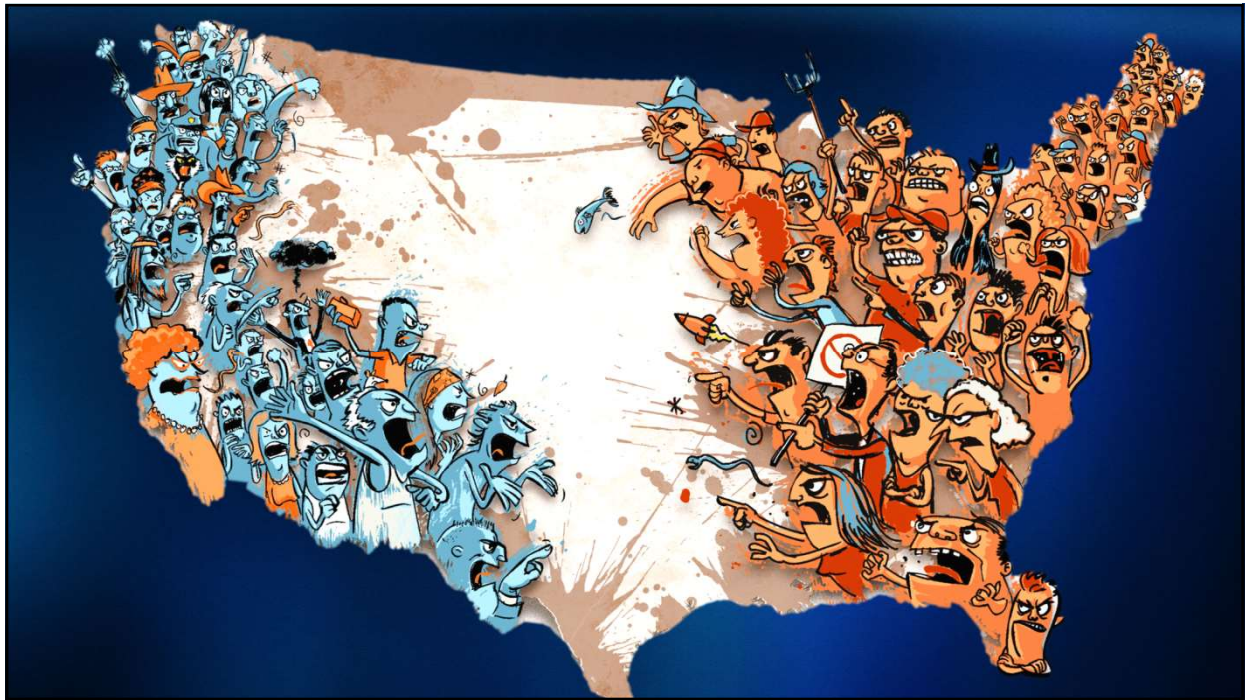
irreconcilable

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A map of the United States is shown against a dark blue background. The map is divided into two distinct regions: a blue region on the left representing the Western and Central US, and a red region on the right representing the Eastern and Southern US. The two regions are separated by a jagged, irregular line, suggesting a deep division.

America is irreconcilably divided!

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Irreconcilable: ideas, facts, or statements representing findings or points of view that are so different from each other that they cannot be made compatible.

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1. Aren't Christians supposed to be at peace with everyone?

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Mt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Rom 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

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2. We are not to seek peace at all costs

Rom 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

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Even though Jesus is the Prince of Peace ...

Is 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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He did not come to bring peace at any cost ...

Mt 10:34-36 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; ³⁶ and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’

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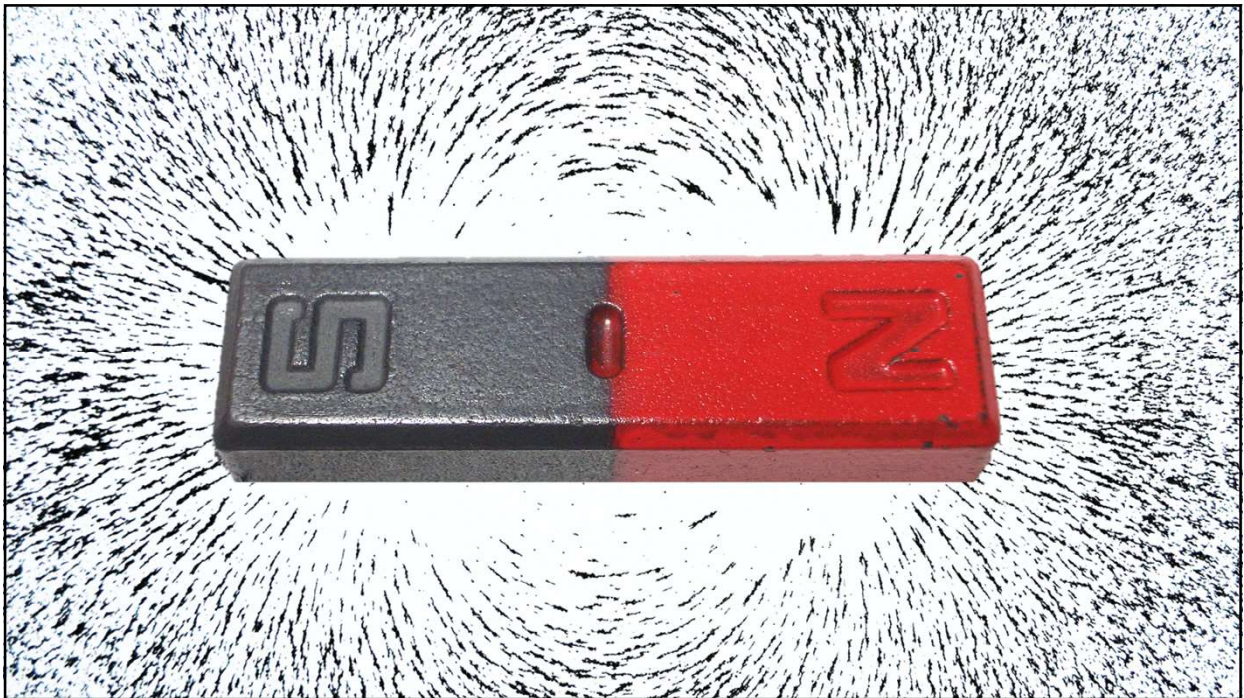
3. There are some people with whom we cannot reconcile

Mt 10:13-15 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

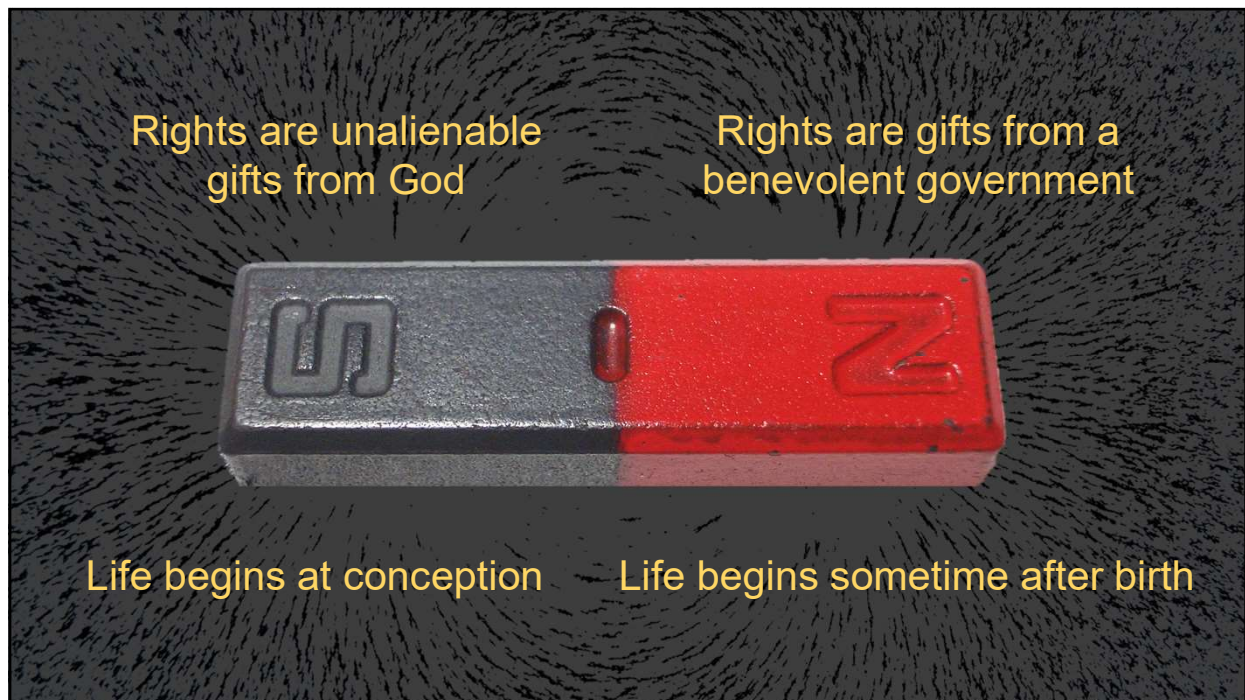
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4. We should be known for what we stand against as well as for what we stand for

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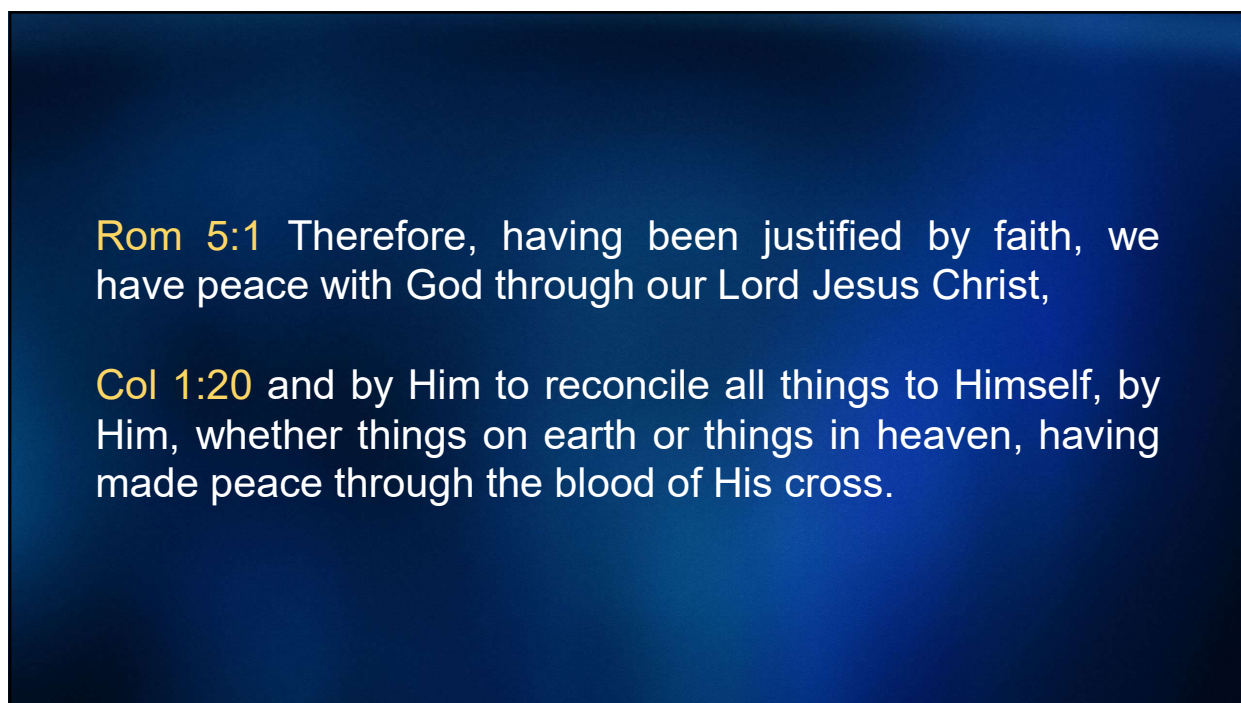
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