

## The Two Churches



Albert Snyder, father of Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, a Marine who was killed in Iraq, is suing the Westboro Baptist Church, whose members have picketed the funerals of military personnel killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, claiming their deaths are punishment for the country's tolerance of homosexuality (http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,305279,00.html).

During young Snyder's funeral, the church protesters carried a sign that read "Thank God for dead soldiers." The church members said they are motivated by *the fear of God*, and *their need to warn America about its moral decay*, rather than a desire to hurt anyone. However, this organized religious group's intentions were to do just that...HURT—with cruelty.

The Two Churches There are only two categories of churches in the world: the TRUE and the FALSE. Whenever a religion speaks, or writes, compare it to the word of God. There are many wolves in sheep's clothing.



Fred Phelps, founder and pastor of Westboro Bantist Church.

In the book of Ephesians, 5:1, God said "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." Search the scriptures and see if there is any example of such wicked and hurtful behavior by true believers towards those who are still in unbelief.



## "TRUTH that is told with bad intent... beats all the lies you can invent."

**Let's be clear about a couple of things**: God doesn't **HATE** homosexuals but he <u>IS</u> "...angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11). God has also said, "...I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11). "For God so loved the **WORLD** (that includes <u>all</u> of us sinners), that he gave his <u>only</u> begotten Son, that <u>WHOSOEVER</u> believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

**Secondly**, God doesn't **HATE** America, but America has turned from God, and God has removed his hand of protection from America. The First Amendment right to free speech is a "freedom" without boundaries and has allowed groups like these "church members" to freely hurt people who are already suffering tremendous loss. And America boasts to the world concerning this "freedom."

If we love America, we should treat our nation like our own home. You would not "allow" individuals into your home to persuade your little ones to use drugs, drink liquor, use vulgar language, or practice vile and filthy sex. *Or would you*? Just read your newspaper.

God will judge this false church...and America too.