



Christian Athlete Withdraws From U.S. Soccer After Team Announces "Gay Pride" Jerseys

An openly Christian member of the U.S. Soccer team has withdrawn herself from the team's roster following an announcement that both the men's and women's national teams would be sporting rainbow-colored jerseys throughout the month of June in support of homosexual "Gay Pride" month.

Jaelene Hinkle (shown) did not specify what prompted her action, which took her out of two "friendly" competitions in June with Sweden and Norway, citing "personal reasons." However, Hinkle has been outspoken about her Christian faith, as well as her biblical views on same-sex marriage.



On her Twitter page the 24-year-old former member of the North Carolina Courage displays the scripture verse Colossians 3:23, which states that "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Her Twitter tagline adds: "If you live for people's acceptance, you'll die from their rejection."

And in 2015, on the day that the U.S. Supreme Court announced its infamous ruling in favor of same-sex marriage, Hinkle took to Instagram to display a "gay pride" logo that had been converted to display a cross, along with commenting: "Jesus didn't come to save those who already believed in Him. He came so that the lost, rejected, and abandoned men and women would find Him and believe."

She added that "I believe with every fiber in my body that what was written 2,000 years ago in the Bible is undoubtedly true. It's not a fictional book. It's not a pick and choose what you want to believe. You either believe it, or you don't. This world may change, but Christ and His Word NEVER will."

Commenting on the day of the High Court decision, Hinkle said that as Christians "we don't begin to throw a tantrum over what has been brought into law today, but we become that much more loving. That through our love, the lost, rejected, and abandoned find Christ."

As for homosexual activists using the rainbow for their own political purposes, Hinkle said that "the rainbow was a [covenant] made between God and all His creation that never again would the world be flooded as it was when He destroyed the world during Noah's time. It's a constant reminder that no matter how corrupt this world becomes, He will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you Lord for your amazing grace, even during times of trial and confusion."

That Hinkle's outspoken expression of faith and her opposition to same-sex marriage would be out-of-sync with the direction of the U.S. soccer team was demonstrated by the team's partnership with the pro-homosexual group You Can Play project for "Gay Pride" month. While the group claims its mission is "to ensure the safety and inclusion of all in sports — its homosexual activist bent is revealed in the prominent tagline on the website: "LGBTQ athletes. Allies. Teaming up for respect."







In a May 26 press release the You Can Play organization indicated that the U.S. Soccer team's "Gay Pride" jerseys were part of that partnership, noting that in addition to wearing the jerseys for the "friendlies," the men's and women's teams would debut their "gay" look "for the World Cup Qualifying tune-up against Venezuela on June 3 at Rio Tinto Stadium in Sandy, Utah."

Additionally, the team was making available Gay Pride jerseys for sale to fans, along with a rainbow-themed "One Nation, One Team" hat, with proceeds going to the pro-homosexual You Can Play project.

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