

Truth and Tolerance

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I. Introduction

A. The attractions of tolerance

B. Our current context

1. We are more socially CONNECTED.
2. We are more aware of DIVERSITY.
3. We are more INCLUSIVE.
4. We are more aware of “GOOD” non-Christians.

C. Our Christian convictions: The core of Christianity is TRUE.

1. God: Only ONE (1 Cor. 8:5-6; Eph. 4:6)
2. Jesus: The ONLY way (John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5).
3. Salvation: In Jesus ONLY (Acts 4:11-12).
4. Faith: It is THE faith (1 Tim. 4:1; 4:3; 4:6; 5:8; 2 Cor. 13:5; Jude 1:3).
5. Bible: It is God-BREATHED (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
6. Morality (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-5).

I. Types of Truth and Tolerance

A. Types of truth.

1. SUBJECTIVE truth
 - a. Subjective truth comes FROM us.
 - b. Subjective truth is CREATED by us.
 - c. E.g., Personal preferences
 - d. E.g., Cultural customs and laws
2. OBJECTIVE truth
 - a. Objective truth is OUTSIDE of us.
 - b. Objective truth is DISCOVERED.

B. Types of tolerance (and intolerance).

1. LEGAL tolerance
2. SOCIAL tolerance
3. TRUTH tolerance

II. Prominent Challenges to Christians

- A. “Everyone must be tolerant on ALL kinds of truth.”
- B. “Matters of religion or morality are *merely subjective or cultural*.”
- C. “Tolerance means ACCEPTANCE.”
- D. “Acceptance means APPROVAL.”
- E. “If you don’t approve (e.g. of my perspective and behavior), you do not accept me—you do not love me (or may even hate me).”

III. Important Christian Convictions about Truth & Tolerance

- A. Legal tolerance and social tolerance are acceptable and commendable.
- B. Regarding **objective** truth.
 - 1. Core Christian claims and moral principles are *objective* truth claims.
 - 2. We cannot change what is objectively true.
 - 3. The most loving thing often requires that we convey what is objectively true.
- C. Christians should NOT be _____ **TRUTH** _____-tolerant on Christianity's basic convictions.
- D. Sometimes, moral truth _____ **OUTWEIGHS** _____ legal truth.
- E. "Tolerance" itself does not far enough.
 - 1. Christians are called to _____ **LOVE** _____.
 - 2. God himself grants _____ **FREEDOM** _____.

IV. Reflections

- A. Feelings and Faith.

Make sure your _____ **FEELINGS** _____ are adequately informed and influenced by _____ **BIBLICAL** _____ principles and _____ **OBJECTIVE** _____ truth.
- B. Person vs. Practice: John 8:3-11
 - 1. Don't _____ **CONCEAL** _____.
 - 2. Don't _____ **CONDEMN** _____.
 - 3. Don't _____ **CONDONE** _____.