

# **“Tolerance and Intolerance”**

## **2 John 10-11**

### Introduction

- I. Many people are quick to throw around accusations and call names.
- II. Just because someone claims something about another does not make it true.
- III. Some things should be tolerated, but some things should not.

### Discussion

- I. We should look to Jesus for examples of tolerance and intolerance.
  - A. Christ did not tolerate the profaning of the Temple (John 2:13-15).
  - B. Christ did not tolerate false teachers and false doctrines (Matt. 15:9; 23:1-39).
  - C. Christ claimed exclusivity when it came to Heaven and the church (John 14:6; Matt. 7:13-14; 16:18).
  - D. The apostles of Christ made it clear that there salvation only in Christ (Acts 4:11-12; Gal. 1:6-9).
- II. How intolerant should Christians be?
  - A. Intolerant enough to believe the truth, and teach the truth, no matter what (2 Thess. 2:8-14; John 8:32; Phil. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:2).
  - B. Intolerant enough to be faithful regardless of the multitudes or family and friends (Exo. 23:2; Luke 14:26; Matt. 10:35-37).
  - C. Intolerant enough to do right regardless of persecution (2 Tim. 3:12; Luke 6:26; John 16:2).
- III. How tolerant should Christians be?
  - A. Tolerant enough to love our enemies and do good (Matt. 5:38-43; Rom. 12:16-21).
  - B. Tolerant enough to try to be at peace with all men without compromising the truth (Rom. 12:18; 14:19; Heb. 12:14)
  - C. Tolerant enough to practice the “Golden Rule” (Matt. 7:12).
  - D. Tolerant enough not to force anyone in to serving God (John 18:36; Matt. 26:52; 2 Cor. 10:4-5).
  - E. Tolerant enough to be patient with others (1 Thess. 5:14; Eph. 4:1-2).
  - F. Tolerant enough not to force my opinions on others (Rom. 14:22).

### Conclusion

- I. There are times to be tolerant, and there are times to be intolerant.
- II. Christians should do their best to learn when and how to be both.