

# THE SIN OF TOLERANCE

## Galatians 1:6-11

**Introduction:** No doubt in the recent years our country has changed tremendously. We are in the space age, we can move mountains, change the course of rivers, forecast the weather, hit the moon with a space craft, placed men and women into space and watch them walk around. However, with all this, we have submitted to one great sin - the sin of tolerance.

Our country has the highest crime rate of any nation on earth. We have the highest divorce rate of any people on this planet. We have the highest rate of juvenile delinquency of any one else in the world. Our young people are committing crimes which were only a few years ago committed by the most hardened criminals - murder, rape, arson, theft. What has brought about this change in a once religious nation? It is the sin of tolerance.

### I. WHAT IS TOLERANCE?

"Tolerance" is defined by the dictionary as "to allow, permit, tolerate, sustain, recognize and respect, and to put up with."

1. To be tolerant is to let sin command you.
  - Sin of tolerance forced the Garden of Eden to close.
  - Sin of tolerance destroyed Sodom and Gommorah.
  - Sin of tolerance brought the flood during Noah's day.
  - Sin of tolerance caused the Jews to be take captive.
  - Sin of tolerance crucified the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Sin of tolerance is what has made our nation number one in crime, divorce and juvenile delinquency.
  - Sin of tolerance is the reason why 75% of the world is non Christian.

### II. THE SIN OF TOLERANCE IS WRECKING THE HOME

1. Half of the marriages taking place today end up in divorce.
2. 85% of our juveniles come from broken homes.
3. Jesus considered the marriages made by man and woman to be permanent, "*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder..*"
4. Drugs, alcohol and sex are destroying our youth.

### III. THE SIN OF TOLERANCE HAS BROUGHT FILTH AND SMUTT INTO HOMES

1. Tolerance has allowed our book stores to be flooded with filthy magazines, books and calendars where anyone can read, look at and purchase.

2. Tolerance has caused our movies and television programs to be filled with vulgar, sex shows, violence, open to anyone who cares to watch.
3. Vile language is now heard on all radio and television stations.

#### **IV. IT IS PAST TIME FOR AMERICAN CHRISTIANS TO BECOME INTOLERANT**

1. In-tolerance is what founded our great country.
2. In-tolerance is what removed slavery from our lands.
3. In-tolerance is what did away with child labor.
4. In-tolerance is what Jesus Christ preached.
  - Jesus was not tolerant of worldly and wicked practices.
  - Jesus was not tolerant of people who prided themselves on being "devoted and holy people of God."
  - Jesus was not tolerant of social immorality.
  - Jesus was not tolerant of political corruption.
  - Jesus was not tolerant of HALF-TIME Christians.
5. Our churches are filled with too many HALF-TIME Christians.
  - How do Sunday night services compare with Sunday morning in attendance?
  - Why is there a very small percentage of church members in Sunday School?
  - Why does 20% of a church membership tithe?
  - Why have most Christians never led anyone to the Lord?
6. There is not a single Christian in our church who doesn't think he/she isn't going to heaven. We all expect to be there. However, Jesus said that there will be some who think they have every right to be there but will be turned away.

#### **V. TOLERANCE HAS JUST ABOUT RUINED THE CHRISTIAN'S INFLUENCE**

1. Tolerance of bad language.
2. Tolerance of false beliefs.
3. Tolerance of crime.
4. Tolerance of violence, sex and filthy t.v. programs.
5. Tolerance of sin in our lives.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. There is only one way for our country to regain it's rightful position it once had and that is not through being tolerant. It is through coming back to Jesus and what He commands. It is not through tolerance.
2. Christians must be intolerant of sin in all it's forms, not favoring any particular one.
3. We are weak and cannot overcome our weaknesses by ourselves, we must come back to the Lord Jesus, ask for forgiveness and allow Him to lead us in the right direction.
4. Restoring our nation will have to be done by Christians, Christians who are FULL TIME Christians. Will you be a full time Christian?