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## What Does God's Word Say About... Jesus and His Intolerance to Sin

Political correctness has crept into the teachings of many denominations, including some of their leaders who are entrusted with preaching God's word. Paul wrote, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teaching in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths," (2 Tim. 4:3-4). Many preachers will only teach on "God's love" and have easily forgotten His severity (Rom. 11:22) and wrath (2 Thess. 1:3-10). The consequence of this one-sided view of Jesus is that while many believe in Him, they no longer fear Him. Yet, Jesus taught that we are to fear Him by saying, "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is about to kill both soul and body in hell," (Matt. 10:28).

God is love and this is clearly stated in 1 John 4:8, 16. His love for man caused God to send His Son to die on the cross as a sin sacrifice (John 3:16) while man was an enemy (Romans 5:6-10). Truly, this degree of love is incomprehensible. But the forgotten side is that "The Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God," (Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29). Jesus was intolerant of sin and those who promoted it. He referred to the Scribes and Pharisees as "hypocrites", "serpents," "brood of vipers." He described them as "full of extortion and self-indulgence," "full of hypocrisy and lawlessness," (Matt. 23:13-16,23-29).

Jesus' disciples followed His example of intolerance. The early church did not tolerate the sin of Ananias and Sapphira; they were struck dead (Acts 5:1-11). When the judaizing teachers came to Antioch, "Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them (Acts 15:2). When these same false teachers tried to compel circumcision Paul "did not yield or subject to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you," (Gal. 2:5). Paul wrote, "Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them," (Eph. 5:11).

In today's religious political correctness sin is tolerated because "God is love" and His grace will save you. Paul wrote, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?" Paul then answers his own questions. "May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (Romans 6:1-2). Tolerance of various sins have been welcomed into the church, even though Jesus said, "I tell you, unless you repent, you will likewise perish," (Luke 13:3). Paul wrote to the church in Corinth warning against moral sins by which they would not "inherit the kingdom of God." Because they repented of these moral sins, Paul said, "Such were [past tense] some of you; but you were washed [baptized=forgiven], but you were sanctified [made pure=holy], but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God," (I Cor. 6:9-11). Tolerance of sin is forbidden by God's word!

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