

Essentials

What We Believe

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“Christianity is not based on evidence...it is backed by evidence.”

“No legitimate scholars today will deny that Jesus lived about 2,000 years ago, was a great teacher and doer of good works, and that he was crucified on a Roman cross for the crime of blasphemy among the Jews. The only dispute is whether Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion and that He was, in fact, God incarnate. This is where everyone must test the evidence for the resurrection, examine their hearts, and make a decision about who Jesus really was.”

Bible Believing **or** Pick & Choose - **9%** (Barna)

Traditional Meaning of Tolerance

...to recognize and respect (other's beliefs, practices, etc.) without sharing them," and "to bear or put up with (someone or something not especially liked)." Christians, are called to a higher standard than "tolerance" -- we're called to love our neighbor.

Simply, we must love the sinner, yet remain intolerant to the actual sin.

“New Tolerance”

This is the politically correct position that all beliefs and life styles should be accepted no matter how illogical or misguided. It seems that the only exception to New Tolerance is Christianity. The emergence of the New Tolerance philosophy, by simply changing the definition in a subtle way and merging the behavior that requires tolerance with the person himself, Consequently, by accepting the New Tolerance we've gone from rejecting bad behavior to accepting it.

TradITional Tolerance...

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

What We Believe...

Jesus said that He alone was the way to the Father. John 14:6

Jesus alone revealed the Father. Matthew 11:27; John 8:58; Exodus 3:14

Jesus forgave sins. Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20; 7:48

Jesus Rose from the dead. Luke 24:24-29; John 2:19

Christianity IS TRUSTING in Jesus and what He did on the cross for you...

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

...NOT on what you can do for yourself.

Ephesians 2:8-9 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

"Christians do not go around saying Christianity is the only way because they are arrogant, stupid or judgmental.

(We) do so because, based on the evidence,

(We) believe what Jesus said and believe in Jesus, who claimed to be God."

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