

# Tolerance of Faith

- Jude 1-4 -

- A. Quotes from an article entitled: *Americans: My Faith Isn't the Only Way to Heaven*. Do people know what the Bible says? In a land where "tolerance" is being preached, is better to treat other religions with fairness, less criticism or opposition, and embrace a multitude of ways to salvation?
- B. 1. Jesus is the way, truth, and life (**John 14:6**)...  
2. In Jesus name there is salvation, no other (**Acts 4:12**)...  
3. "The faith" was "once delivered" (**Jude 3**)...  
4. "Without faith" it is impossible to please God (**Heb 11:6**)...  
5. Faith is obtained by hearing the word (**Jn 7:17; Rom 10:17**)
- C. Tolerance is "the capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs and practices of others". It is not the same as "acceptance", which is synonymous with "approval"...
- D. EX: Homosexuals cry for "tolerance". Planned Parenthood pleads for "acceptance". What are they asking us to do? If "tolerance" means "acceptance" of things I cannot do or approve of and are against God's word and my conscience, I cannot let go of that faith...

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ **O.T. and N.T.** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Daniel in Babylonian captivity - His conviction did not falter in a foreign land (**Daniel 1:3-8**)... He did not violate his conscience nor compromise his faith (**v.12-16**)...
- B. Peter and John (**Acts 4**) were arrested and questioned by the Sanhedrin about the power that healed the lame man (**v.9-13**). They were threatened (**v.18-20**), but continued to teach (**5:17-29**) The apostles boldly and politely held to their faith.
- C. Is that how deep our faith is? Will we reprove or keep silent?

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. This is a warning to guard against "certain men" who would creep in "unawares" and undermine that system of divine truth which he called "the faith." (**Acts 20:30; 2 Peter 2**)...
- B. Examine the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ - "\_\_\_\_\_ " (**v.3**) "*The Faith*" is distinct from human philosophy and wisdom...
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Truth is "\_\_\_\_\_ *for* \_\_\_\_\_" This argues for the finality, completeness, and sufficiency of God's revelation.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ - "*The* \_\_\_\_\_ " Every saint is to "contend earnestly"
- E. The responsibility of every saint is cherish and seriously guard the body of truth which made him free... Doing so fervently, not carefree regardless of the opposition or how long the opposition lasts...
- F. See your responsibility as **Gal 1:8 & 2 Jn 9**... What God delivered must be kept as he gave it.... Notice was Paul said about false ideas in **Gal 2:4,5**.
- G. Upon what does your faith stand (**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**)?