

Tolerance – Short Version

One must see **Tolerance** as God see's it. He is the most tolerant of all. He has given us a free WILL and knows were bad decisions will lead. He (God) made the rules, not us. We are to love the sinner but hate the sin.

We should not defend God but should present God.

The world wants Christians to accept their view as tolerant but God teaches us to accept His view. The world is 180 degrees off from the real view of tolerance.

As the first step towards tolerance (open-mindedness) we should agree to the following definition:

Main Entry: **tol-er-ance**

Pronunciation: \ 'tā-lə-rən(t)s, 'tāl-rən(t)s \

Function: *noun*

Date: 15th century

1: capacity to endure pain or hardship.

2: sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own.

3: a fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward opinions and practices that differ from one's own..

What is Tolerance?

Tolerance is the appreciation of diversity and the ability to live and let others live. It is the ability to exercise a fair and objective attitude towards those whose opinions, practices, religion, nationality and so on differ from one's own. Tolerance is not giving in to others.

Intolerance is the failure to appreciate and respect the practices, opinions and beliefs of another groups.

The world wants us to accept views as tolerant. That is wrong!

Though tolerance may seem an impossible exercise in certain situations - being tolerant, none the less, remains key to easing hostile tensions between groups and to helping communities move past intractable conflicts.

Christian – Definition - 30 Seconds Version

God is three persons: **Father** (the I AM), **Son** (Jesus), and **Holy Spirit** (the Comforter). God loves us and wants a relationship.

Being a Christian is a "religion" different than any religion because God loves us first and He conquered the grave. That is why we have *Christmas* and *Easter*.

He first loved us. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Being a Christian is two levels. The two levels are: going to Heaven (fire insurance) and building a relationship (being lead by the Holy Spirit and by reading and doing the actions in the Holy Bible). The first part is easy to accomplish, the second part may take a life time to accomplish. Bible means Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

In being a Christian does not mean there are no consequences to our actions (good or bad). It requires less effort to prevent a problem than to fix a problem. Being lead by the Holy Spirit and by reading and doing the actions in the Holy Bible will prevent problems in our life.

Luke 23:42-43 (King James Version)

⁴²And he said (man on the cross) unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

⁴³And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

All the "man on the cross" did was to believe in Jesus and he was saved.

God

God is three persons (trinity): **Father** (the I AM), **Son** (Jesus), and **Holy Spirit** (the Comforter). 1 John 5:7. God loves us and wants a relationship.

Only God has created the atom(s), universe(s) and is everywhere at once. He is multi-dimension and has created time. He is every good thing. He is *love*.

Love is: patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, not proud, not rude, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, does not delight in evil, rejoices with the truth, always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, and never fails.

Jesus

Jesus is the Son of God and part of the trinity. Jesus is called the Word of God and Christ (anointed one). Jesus is the Messiah and Savior. Jesus became flesh and paid the price for our sins. There are many names for Jesus in the Bible. The following are a few.

- Almighty - Jesus is all-powerful. Rev. 1:8.
- Messiah – Jesus is the Messiah. Dan. 9:25.
- Redeemer – Jesus is our redemption. Job 19:25.
- Resurrection and the Life – Jesus is life. John 11:25.
- Savior – Jesus is our salvation. John 4:42.
- Shepherd – Jesus is the good shepherd. 1 Peter 2:25.
- Son of God – Jesus is the Son of God. Luke 1:35.
- The Way, the Truth, and the Life – Jesus is our path to God. John 14:6.
- Bread of Life – Jesus is our sustenance. John 6:32-35.
- Bright and Morning Star – Jesus lights our way. Rev. 22:16.

Genesis 1 (New International Reader's Version)

The Beginning

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. Darkness was over the surface of the ocean. At that time, the ocean covered the earth. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

The One who rose from the grave after 3 days said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6. God the Son came as a sinless man. Philippians 2:5-8. He gave up His human life to save ours. He said that His death was the only acceptable payment for sin. He is our ONLY way to God. He died to give our spirit eternal life. Without Him, we are spiritually dead. Ephesians 2:1-2.

By definition, the word **grace** means unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor. Therefore, the **good news is, grace has nothing to do with you.** Grace existed before you ever came to be. Another way of saying it is, grace is God's part. Faith is defined as being a positive response to what God has already provided by grace. In other words, faith is

Grace and faith work together, and they must be in balance. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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