

B.O.S.S. Study Guide - Week of May 3, 2010
Studies in the Book of Revelation

The subject of tolerance is a tough one. Being overly tolerant, being intolerant of everything, being balanced in tolerance of some things and intolerant of others, all of these ideas make us really have to think our way through what we believe and why?

We are to love the lost of this world like Jesus does - even to the point of personal self sacrifice. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son." Yet we are to guard our lives and the integrity of the church by not tolerating the things of this world, "love not the world nor the things that are in this world...for those who love the world the love of the Father is not in him." This requires a thoughtful, consistent adherence to Biblical principles that goes way beyond hard and fast rules, and takes us into the life that is in step with the Spirit as Paul describes in Gal. 5:16-26.

What are some 21st century issues or situations where we as believers must remain tolerant in?

Some say loving the sinner but hating what?

We have a hard time keeping those straight, why?

What are some 21st century issues or situations where we as believers must remain intolerant?

Read John 4:1-26

What was Jesus very tolerant of? This woman's personal situation – He demonstrated compassion for her, knowing what kind of life she was living and her need for redemption.

What was Jesus not tolerant of? Starts in verse 21- when He speaks very frankly about her spiritual confusion of the truths of God. This is what was important for it was keeping her heart blinded to the truth - her lack of understanding the truth was the heart of the problem, not her lifestyle.

Can this serve as a model to us, if so how? If not, why not?

NEW SUBJECT:

The letter to Thyatira ends with two promises. **Read 2:26-29.**

The first promise for those who are truly in Christ is what?

This idea of God's Messiah ruling over the nations is found in Psalms 2; **Take a minute to read it.**

The term in 2:9 of Psalms that is quoted in Revelation 2:27 “rule” is the word for “Shepherd”. The Psalmist sees the Messiah as one who will rule the nations and put down any rebellion to His throne with harsh and swift justice.

Elsewhere in the book of Revelation - individuals are seen as having a part in the monarchical administration. See **Revelation 1:6, 3:21, 20:6**.

Paul in an attempt to awaken the Corinthians to their responsibility and ability to address and solve very difficult issues within the body, teaches what?

Read together 1 Corinthians 6:1-11.

What are some of the things that this passage teaches?

Why is it that these principles are not followed within the body?

The truth is, believers will have a significant role in the Jesus administration, on earth, throughout the Millennium. The revelation of this information does not answer as many questions as it raises. So, though we may not be able to know all the details, **we know what about verse 26?**

How should that impact our behavior today, from what we know from Revelation 2 and 1 Corinthians 6?

As far as the second promise about “The Morning Star”, several ideas have been given from Bible commentators:

“It is Jesus as our very life”

“It is the victory over death at the Resurrection”

“It is Christ, when He comes to rapture the Church”

I really don’t know what it is, but if it’s something good from God, I want it!
So, hold on till He comes.

Let us now have an ear to hear.