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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Tolerance

A Message for Adults

Week of Sunday 25 June, 2017 A.D.
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- Questions have been raised concerning Home Ministry messages. Messages are classified by content; milk or meat. We define *Youth* as Babes in Christ and fed them milk. The mature in Christ are *Adult* and fed meat. Two diets feed everyone! Adult fare includes three weekly messages; doctrine, communion, and Bible study messages. When the need arises, Youth fare includes doctrine. A doctrine message is different from communion which is different from Bible study. They have commonality

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stressing different values, complementing each other. We worship with three different messages every week; 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Communion, 6: 30 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer; and the week of doctrine message. ³¹ Jesus said to those that believed him, If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; ³² and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8: 31-32 ASV Our study "The Truth shall make you free" has been common to all messages

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this season, regarding: prophecy, whole salvation, kingdoms, strongholds, and prayer. This message continues the study. Fuller understanding results, if you indulge in all the courses.

- Television, one of the devil's sharpest tools to blind the unbelieving, is at a zenith in United States culture. Almost every home has television and if they don't, they own a smart phone with streaming capabilities. There are a myriad of news shows with interview formats.

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Imagine the Lord Jesus Christ being interviewed, taking calls as is the format. If He said, what He taught in the Gospels, saying to the woman at the well ¹⁷ Thou saidst well, ¹⁸ for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband, John 4: 17-18 ASV can you hear the host quickly commenting "Who do you think you are? Why you're intolerant! You're a bigot! Or, what if He were to say ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4: 24 ASV

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Would the host exclaim, "What right do you have to say that?"

- From every avenue we are taught ¹ Judge not, that ye be not judged. Matthew 7: 1 ASV Tolerance is more important than truth in many circles. Often we hear men and women quote ¹¹ Jesus said, Neither do I condemn thee. John 8: 11a ASV The context of this statement is with the woman taken in adultery. Few people quote the last part of the verse; ¹¹ go thy way; from henceforth sin no more. John 8: 11b ASV This is not a suggestion.

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Jesus told the woman to stop sinning!

- When a sinner comes to the altar for conversion, being washed in the blood of Jesus he is forgiven of his sin. We were all sinners. But we do not remain in our sins after coming to Jesus Christ. It may be true the woman was a harlot but not after she met Jesus.
- Is it possible for people to receive the divine healing touch of Jesus Christ upon their bodies and then going out into the world among godless companions, forget their vows to the

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Lord and to depart from His paths into doubt, criticism, and sin, eventually not only losing the healing but even becoming more ill than before? ¹⁴ Jesus said, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing befall thee.

John 5: 14 ASV Remember Christ is the Vine, and we are the branches. In healing, as in salvation, we have no separate life of our own. ²⁸ For in him we live, and move, and have our being; we are his offspring. Acts 17: 28 ASV Sever the branch from the Vine, and it is bound to perish and wither

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away.

- Do you think those drunkards in the choir at the Church of God in Corinth, remained drunkards? No, they began to sin no more. Do you think thieves continue to collect the offering? No, they begin to sin no more. Do you think alternative lifestyles of adultery and homosexuality are to continue in the church? No, they are to consecrate their life and conform to Jesus, and sin no more.
- We live in a world that teaches everyone's

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values, everyone's belief systems, everyone's lifestyles, and everyone's truth is equal. This has instilled no moral absolutes and no spiritual absolutes. All faith is equal in the eyes of many. We teach to coexist and call it harmony, but we spell it T-O-L-E-R-A-N-C-E. Tolerance has a different meaning than it did a few years ago. Tolerance used to mean that in the United States of America we respected other's beliefs without sharing them. Today tolerance means everyone's values, belief, lifestyle, and truth is

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acceptable. No one wants to be called intolerant! Especially the Church.

- **Text:** Matthew 24: 37-39 KJV

As the days of Noe, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. In the days before the flood they were eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Until the day Noe entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away. So shall the coming of the Son of man be.

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- **Text:** II Peter 3: 2-9 KJV

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise. He is longsuffering, not willing any should perish. All should come to repentance.

- **Text:** Hebrews 10: 25 KJV

Forsake not assembling together as the day approaches.

- **Text:** Luke 21: 36 KJV

Watch and pray always, ye may be counted

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worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass.

- **Text:** Matthew 24: 44 KJV

Be ready! In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

- **Text:** John 14: 6 ASV

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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- A lot of people have opinions today. Not many have convictions. Your faith will be tested in our world of tolerance. We have today what we tolerated yesterday and we'll have tomorrow what we tolerate today!

You are invited to join us!

We continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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*We study doctrine and pray every Wednesday
at 6:30 p.m.*