

**Why Are Christians So;
Intolerant
John 14:6 ~ Proverbs 14:12**

We have been given challenges in the past couple of weeks. Challenges to become more prayerful, deepen our faith, and improve our love for people. As we set out to meet these challenges we must be prepared for the responses. I've researched the top four responses to Christianity from those who are unchurched. The first one we tackle is this, why are Christians so intolerant?

Intolerance Defined

Intolerance = _____

The problem is _____

_____.

Tolerance = _____

Tolerance does not mean _____
_____.

Tolerance is the virtue of the man without convictions.

G.K. Chesterton

Exclusive vs. Intolerant

Christians are _____

We believe _____:
Jesus is the only _____
Jesus is the only _____
Jesus is the only _____

We believe _____:
Alternative beliefs _____
Alternative beliefs _____
Alternative beliefs _____

To label people as worthy and unworthy, as good and bad, as acceptable and repulsive, is contrary to God's law and thoroughly anti-Christian.

George Sweeting

Why Christians Are Seen As Intolerant

We have become _____

We have become _____

Making It Personal

Intolerant, no—_____!

The challenge is _____!
_____!

Jesus did not call me to tolerate my fellow human beings, He called me to love them as my neighbors.

Anonymous

As long as Christians hold to strong convictions about the Bible and things we see as sin we will be labeled as intolerant. Exclusivity means we will be seen as intolerant. However, that view is easily overcome when we do as Jesus told us to do, let our light shine before men so that when they see our good works they will glorify God. We must not tolerate people, we must love them as we have been commanded to do.

Do not allow yourself to be characterized as intolerant of people, however, do not allow yourself to be forced into acceptance of alternative belief systems. There is one Gospel, one Savior, and one way to enter into God's presence. Jesus is the only way, truth, and life we have.