

# Heaven

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*"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for*

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## Charlestown Road Church of Christ

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## Our Services

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:20 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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## Truth & Tolerance

Truth and tolerance— we have a hard time with these two principles. Two main disciples, James and John, did too. John thought he was in the right bunch. Another person working miracles was not in that "bunch" (LK 9:49-50). John wanted to stop them. Jesus rebuked John. James and John wanted to burn down Samaria (v. 54-56). Jesus was really upset with this!

### *There is Truth*

Truth and tolerance make reality. Truth comes first. Truth determines tolerance. Intolerance must never be the supreme truth. Tolerance must never rule over truth. Begin with truth (Jn 8:32). In all areas (education, law, science), no stone may be left unturned in finding truth. Without truth there is no tolerance. Tolerance is "in" today. However, those promoting tolerance are the most intolerant. Liberals are narrow-minded, dogmatic legalists. Protesters shout down protests.

Our plea must be truth. Martin Luther said, "It is better to be divided by truth than united in error." Truth must not be the first casualty in seeking acceptance. Brethren are telling liberals, "If you will accept us we will shut up." Never! Life can be based only upon truth. Only the truth makes us free.

### *There is Tolerance*

Tolerance is not a dirty word. Tolerance is wisdom. Truth needs tolerance. We live in an imperfect world. There are not perfect people. Christianity is faith, not perfection. "It's the truth" is not a license to kill, harm,

destroy. An airplane crashed. The wings were too rigid and they snapped off. Engineers build with "tolerances." Sky scrapers sway; wings flap. Some things may be true, but they are best unsaid. You do not meet a stranger saying, "You are ugly" or "You are obese." Burning down Samaria could not save it. You cannot love by practicing hate.

Paul said, "But, speaking the truth in love" (Eph 4:15). Without love truth is not truth. Sin will not go unpunished. Adam and Eve were not struck dead in Eden, but they were driven out.

Only one with truth and profound convictions can practice tolerance. To be tolerant is to endure or put up with. There are no perfect husbands, wives or congregations. There will always be tension between "ought" and "is."

Tolerance has its limitations. There is a line it may not cross. Tolerance is not indifference. Tolerance is not license to violate truth. Tolerance is not compromise. Tolerance is not self-indulgence, worldliness, doing as one pleases. Tolerance is a "sacred trust." Some tolerate everything except truth.

Those who do not stand for something will fall for anything. Some know more about tolerance than they do truth. They need to learn truth. Others act like the prodigal's brother. Rigid. Firm. Unforgiving. Ready to strike the match to burn the city. They need to learn tolerance. Truth & Tolerance are not opposites. They go together.

Adapted from Charles Hodge

# Worry-Free Life

**L**ook around you. You have reason to worry. The sun blasts cancer-causing rays. Air vents blow lung-clotting molds. Potato chips have too many carbs. Vegetables, too many toxins. And do they have to call an airport a terminal?

Some of us have postgraduate degrees from the University of Anxiety. We go to sleep worried that we won't wake up; we wake up worried that we didn't sleep. We worry that someone will discover that lettuce was fattening all along. The mother of one teenager bemoaned, "My daughter doesn't tell me anything. I'm a nervous wreck." Another mother replied, "My daughter tells me everything. I'm a nervous wreck." Wouldn't you love to stop worrying? Could you use a strong shelter from life's harsh elements?



God offers you just that: the possibility of a worry-free life. Not just less worry, but no worry.

*Come Thirsty*

Phil 4:6 Be **anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Pet 5:7 casting **all your anxiety** upon Him, because He cares for you.



## Family Connections

### News for You

- Meeting for Bible class teachers (Kid's classes) Dec 14th
- Ladies class this Thursday @ 10:30 am
- Elder's will be presenting evening lesson on Dec 21st "State of the Church address" giving updates, plans, and new class concepts for 2009. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**
- December issues of *Biblical Insights* are available. Read it. Pass it on to others.
- Did you notice our steeple is back up on top of the building! Looks good.

### The Question Series Continues This Evening

Our question tonight concerns the role of women teachers and the covering.

### Recent Deaths

- The grandfather of **Meg & John Barlet** passed away. His funeral was on Wednesday.
- The uncle of **Gene Taylor** passed away last week. His funeral was on Thursday.

***Our prayers are with these families!***

**Group 2 will not meet today**

### For your Prayers:

- **Tom Simmons** had triple by-pass surgery on Saturday. He remains in Jewish hospital.
- **Yolonda Quinn** broke a bone in her foot
- **Tom Schellenberg, Sheila Gardner, Jimmy Polk's dad, Jeannie Nalley's** sister are having some health issues
- **Jimmy Polk's** uncle, Pat Best, was seriously injured in an auto accident Tuesday evening. He remains in University Hospital.