# The Danger of Tolerance

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#### Colossians 2

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument.

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6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

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8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

## **Principle of Transformation**

God doesn't lovingly tolerate you, God lovingly transforms you

## **New Tolerance Definition**

Every individual's beliefs, values, lifestyles, and perception of truth claims are <u>equal</u>. There is no hierarchy of <u>truth</u>. Your beliefs and my beliefs are equal and all truth is <u>relative</u>.

Josh McDowell, The New Tolerance

## **Colossians 2**

9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

## How strong do you...

- believe that Jesus is God,
- that you are made complete in Him,
- and that He is your <u>authority</u>