

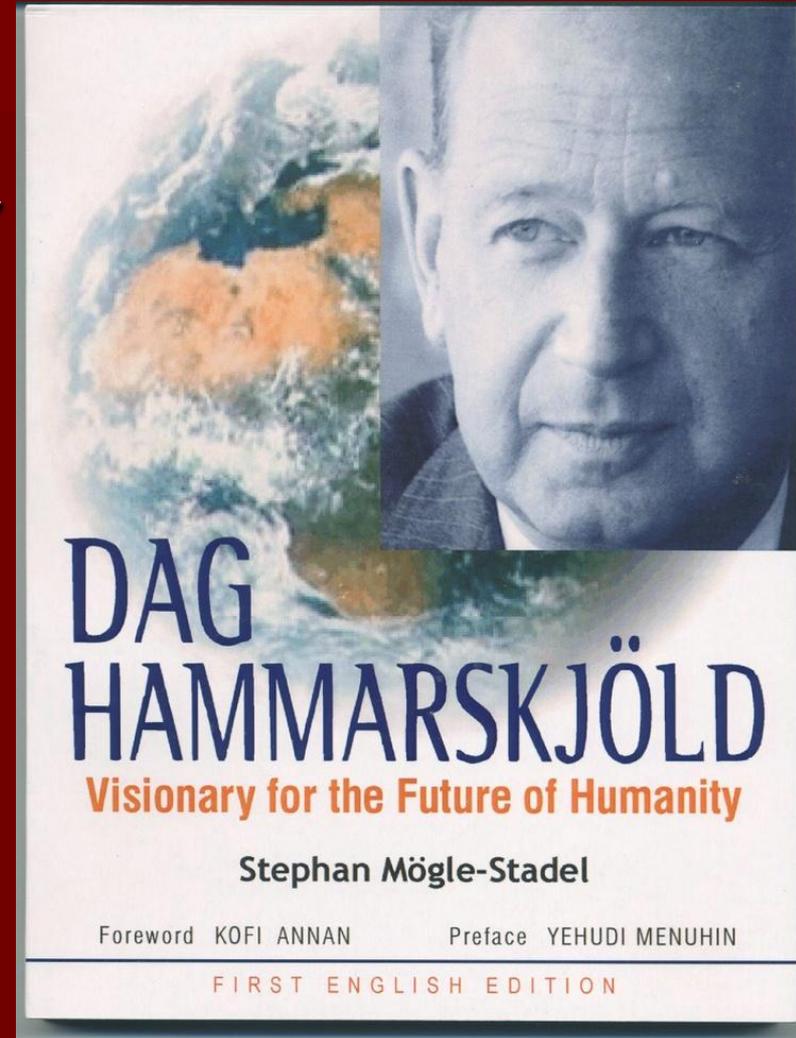
Message



**Christian
Social
Tolerance**

Neal Parker

“You cannot play with the animal in you without becoming wholly animal, play with falsehood without forfeiting your right to truth, play with cruelty without losing your sensitivity of mind. He who wants to keep his garden tidy doesn’t reserve a plot for weeds.”



Christian Social Tolerance

- **What did Dag Hammarskjöld mean in his quote?**
 - Engaging with our primal instincts or negative traits can lead to a loss of our humanity and sensitivity.
 - It emphasizes the importance of maintaining moral integrity and self-awareness.



Should Christians Be Tolerant?

■ What is Tolerance?

- The capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others.

■ Today, *tolerance* is being redefined to mean that all views are equally valid and all lifestyles equally appropriate (**no objective moral judgments**).

- We do not tolerate people with whom we agree; we tolerate people with whom we disagree. If all views were equally valid, there would be no need for tolerance.

True Tolerance

■ I Peter 3:13-16

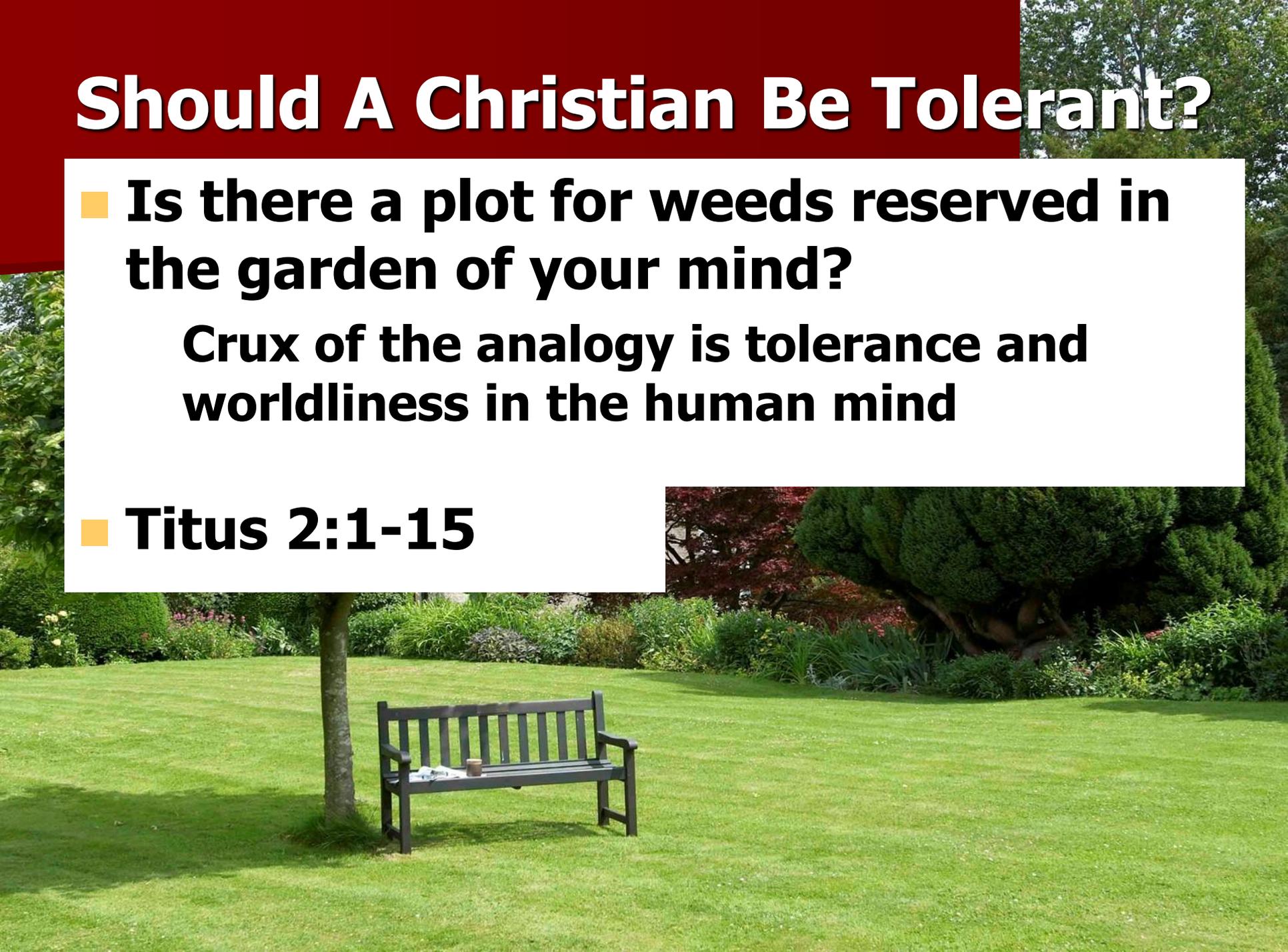
- True tolerance demands that, despite our differences, we treat every person we meet with the dignity and respect due them as one created in the image of God.
- True tolerance does not preclude proclaiming the truth, but it does mandate that we do so with gentleness and respect.

Should A Christian Be Tolerant?

- **Is there a plot for weeds reserved in the garden of your mind?**

Crux of the analogy is tolerance and worldliness in the human mind

- **Titus 2:1-15**



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■ Romans 12:1-3

- 1st Step to the conformity to the ways of the world is through tolerance.
- Transformation is a process, not a single event.

■ Galatians 1:4

- “...He might rescue us from this present evil age...”



Should Christians Be Tolerant?

■ Other Considerations of Tolerance

- Capacity to endure hardship or pain, while yielding growth



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■ Matthew 10:16-23

- "...but it is the one who endured to the end who will be saved..."

STAYING FAITHFUL REQUIRES
ENDURANCE



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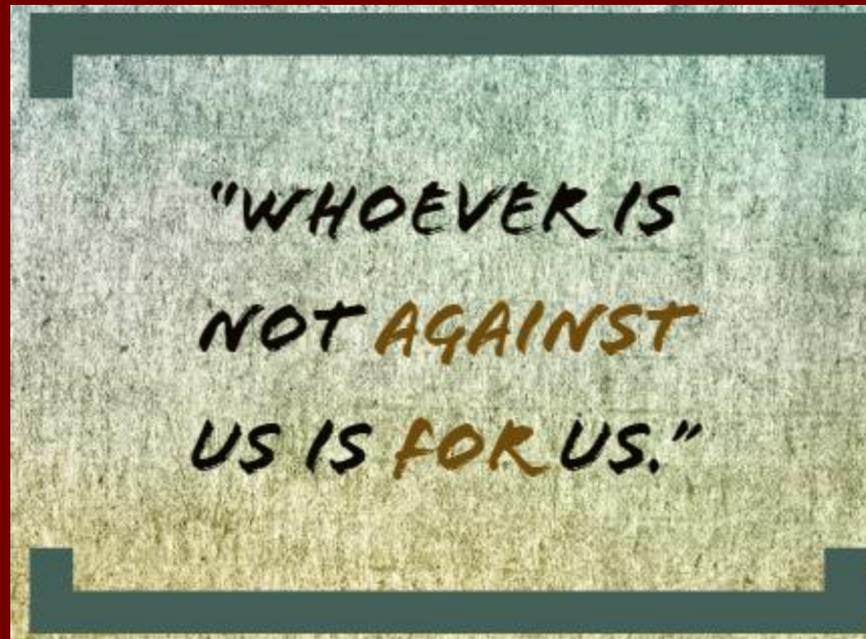
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■ Mark 9:38-40 / Numbers 11:26-29

- Jesus Christ modeled the kind of Tolerance He desires His disciples to adopt and practice.



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■ Deuteronomy 17:2-5

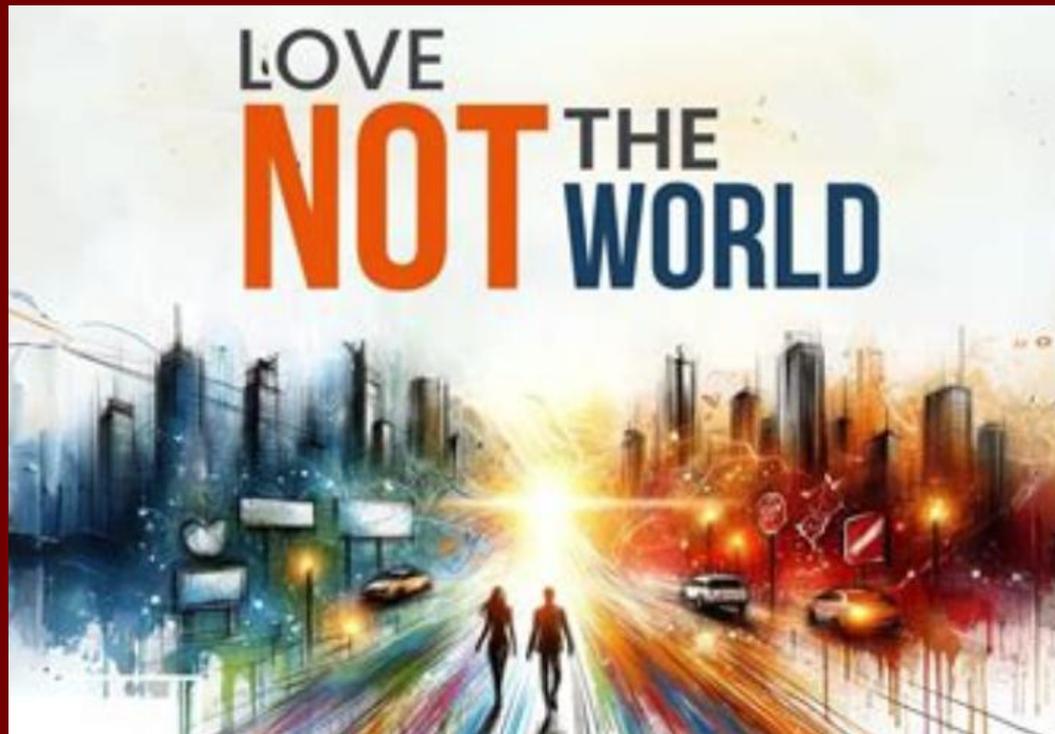
- God does not respect the opinions and practices of those who disobey His Law and Ways of Life.



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■ I John 2:15-17

- Greek word for Love is "Agapaho"
- ✓ Love in a social or moral sense



The Lust of the Flesh

■ I John 2:15-17

- Greek word for Lust is "Epeethoomeeah"
- ✓ Long for what is forbidden



We always long for the forbidden things, and
desire what is denied us.

(François Rabelais)

The Lust of the Eyes

■ I John 2:15-17

- Greek word for Eyes is "Ofthalmos"
- ✓ Envy from a jealous side glance

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The Pride of Life

■ I John 2:15-17

- Greek word for Pride is "Aladzonía"
- ✓ Self-Confidence, Boasting or Pride



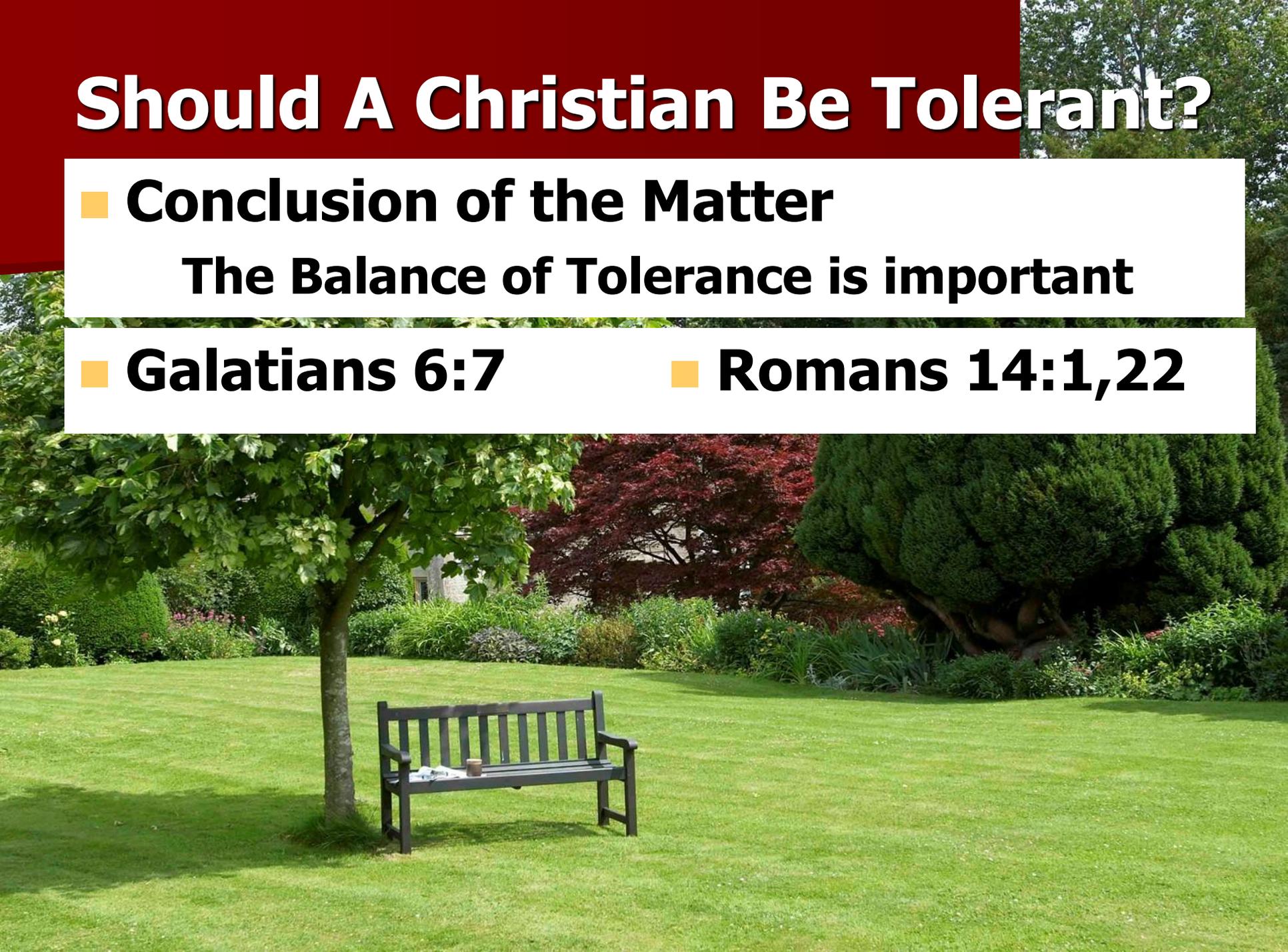
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- **Conclusion of the Matter**

The Balance of Tolerance is important

- **Galatians 6:7**

- **Romans 14:1,22**



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