

THE GAP

“Christians are Hypocritical, Judgmental, & Intolerant”
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Selected Passages (ESV)

TURNOFFS TO FAITH

1. **HYPOCRISY:** The turnoff is not so much the pretense as the **criticism or condemnation** that flows out of the pretentious moral high ground (Matthew 23:25-28, 13-15).
2. **JUDGING:** The turnoff is not so much saying that anything is right or wrong as **criticizing or condemning** from a position of assumed moral superiority (Matthew 7:1-5).
3. **INTOLERANCE:** The turnoff is not so much the failure to agree with or approve of another person's beliefs or actions as the **failure to love**, respect, and accept people whose convictions or behavior oppose your own (John 8:10-11).

CHALLENGES

1. **TO EVERYONE:** Let us love and accept one another and **rid the world of condemnation** with the love of Jesus.
2. **TO CHRISTIANS:** Reveal the **true Jesus** to the watching world.
3. **TO NON-CHRISTIANS:** Disdain for the church is understandable, but **consider the true Jesus**.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Let us love and accept one another with the love of Jesus.