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The tolerance of pluralism is now known as political correctness. Christians, who uphold the politically incorrect notion that some things are right and others are wrong are increasingly despised in society. Pluralists have no tolerance for people who express any kind of dogmatism; yet they themselves can be extremely dogmatic about their politically correct views. What should the believer's response be to all this? Christian truth demands that falsehood be rejected and error be exposed. In these days of relativistic confusion, God's people need to lovingly but firmly proclaim the truth of the gospel, sharing the love of Christ with lost and needy men (2 Cor. 5:19-20).

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