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## Signs of the End Times REBELLION

*"But know this, that **IN THE LAST DAYS** perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." (2 Timothy 3:1-4 NKJV).*

Already, we are seeing a great increase in **REBELLION**, especially among young people, who have not been taught respect by their parents. In fact, a great many young people today have been taught rebellion by watching their parents!

Primarily, I am referring to **REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY**. Being more specific, I am talking about a lack of respect for...

- ⇒ Government Authorities (Presidents, Governors, Members of Congress, Prime Ministers, Members of Parliament, etc.).
- ⇒ Law Enforcement Agencies (Police Departments, Sheriff's Departments, and other agencies, which enforce our laws).
- ⇒ Spiritual Authorities (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Priests, Bible Teachers, Missionaries, Ministers of the Gospel, etc.).

In contrast to **REBELLION**, the Scriptures give us these instructions:

*"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority (no OFFICES of authority) except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. (Romans 13:1-2 NIV).*

As we progress further into these End Times, there is no doubt that rebellion will increase. Regardless, for those who know the Lord, we must strive to be at peace. Do not get caught up in rage against anyone:

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*"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:17-18 NIV).*

### **Teacher's Notes:**

I have said this before, in this Teaching Letter. If you are approached by a Law Enforcement Officer: Be **COOPERATIVE**, not **CONFRONTATIONAL**. And, be **RESPECTFUL**, not **REBELLIOUS**. Romans 13:3-4 gives us these instructions:

*"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil." (NKJV).*

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## **Signs of the End Times** **A FALSE DOCTRINE OF TOLERANCE**

*"For the time will come when men will not put up with **SOUND DOCTRINE** (they will not submit to the truth of God's Word). Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." (2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV).*

Some forms of tolerance are good. For example: In The Church there are people from all backgrounds, with all kinds of personalities. Let's be honest, some of the saints get on our nerves. There are personality clashes within The Church, and we have to walk in love toward our brothers and sisters in Christ, and learn to be tolerant:

*"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32 NKJV).*

However, a **FALSE DOCTRINE OF TOLERANCE**, which we are seeing in the world today, is not good! Much of the tolerance we see today is just **"DRESSED-UP"** rebellion toward God, and toward his Word.

For example, we are being told that we must be tolerant toward lifestyles, which the Bible identifies as sin, and furthermore, lifestyles that the Bible says will take people to **HELL**:

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*"For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into **A LICENSE FOR IMMORALITY**, and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord."* (Jude 4 NIV).

Let's be more specific. We are being told that we must be tolerant toward "Gay," Lesbian, and Bi-Sexual lifestyles. Beyond tolerance, we are even being told that we must be in agreement with such lifestyles, but listen to the eternal Word of God:

*"Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, **MEN WITH MEN** committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."* (Romans 1:24-28 NKJV).

Also, we are being told that we must be tolerant of other religions, which are contrary to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, which false religions will also take people to **HELL**. Listen to 2 Corinthians 11:4:

*"For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted – **YOU MAY WELL PUT UP WITH IT!**"* (in other words, you tolerate false religions, rather than exposing them). (NKJV).

Unmistakably, Jesus said he was the only way to God: *"...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* (from John 14:6 NKJV).

A godly word of caution: Even though we must be on guard toward this **FALSE DOCTRINE OF TOLERANCE**, we must never be **MILITANT** toward unbelievers. We should always offer them love, never harm! The time for judgment will come later. During this season of God's grace, we must be ready to give unbelievers a word of hope!

# Answering a Question from the Bible

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## Why is Jesus called the Son of God, and the Son of Man ?

Unmistakably, Jesus Christ was **THE SON OF GOD**:

*“And the angel answered and said to her (to Mary, the mother of Jesus): The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called **THE SON OF GOD**.”* (Luke 1:35 NKJV).

Yet, in many places, Jesus is also called: **THE SON OF MAN**. As an example, listen to Jesus speaking about the conversion of Zacchaeus:

*“...Today salvation has come to this house, because he also (Zacchaeus) is a son of Abraham: for **THE SON OF MAN** (Jesus, speaking of himself) has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* (Luke 19:9-10 NKJV).

The phrase, Son of MAN, could be a bit misleading. The Scriptures are not implying that Jesus had an earthly father. Rather, the Greek word for **SON OF MAN** can simply imply: A descendant, or offspring, without reference to sex. In other words: An offspring of mankind, or an offspring of the species known as human beings.

So, why not just exclusively refer to Jesus as the **SON OF GOD**? Because, Jesus came as Emmanuel (God incarnate, or God in the flesh) to walk where we walked, and to experience what we experience:

*“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot **SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES**, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”* (Hebrews 4:14-15 NKJV).

It was God’s Plan of Redemption that Jesus Christ come in the flesh, as **THE SON OF MAN**, as well as **THE SON OF GOD**, to become our Savior, and redeem those who were in the flesh:

*Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery (something to be seized, and held onto) to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and **COMING IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN**. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”* (Philippians 2:6-8 NKJV).