

**Sermon Outline** for September 30, 2018

Text: Mark 9:38-50

Title: "Intolerance"

Introduction

The history of the world has been characterized by religious intolerance. Is religious intolerance wrong or is it necessary?

- I. Religious intolerance is wrong sometimes.
  - A. The disciples were wrong for being intolerant (v. 38).
  - B. Intolerance is wrong when it is motivated by prejudice and ignorance (v. 39)
  - C. Intolerance toward other Christians is wrong (v. 39)
  - D. Intolerance is wrong if all Christians are expected to have the same Spiritual gifts (vv. 40-41)
  
- II. Religious intolerance is necessary sometimes.
  - A. Christians must be intolerant of that which would cause a believer to fall away (v. 42)
  - B. Christians must be intolerant of their own sin. (vv. 43-48)
  - C. Christians must be intolerant of false teachers.
  - D. Christians must be intolerant of those who stir up dissension. (vv. 49-50)

Conclusion

Jesus has commanded his disciples to be a light in a world darkened by sin and to be the salt that preserves the faith and keeps the peace.