

# GO ALONG TO GET ALONG

What is truth? Each and every person must come to grips with that question. These days, some will say that truth is whatever seems right to you. They have no problem with the fact that you may believe something different than they believe. However, when your truth leaves no room for their truth, now we start to have a problem. The same people who, moments earlier, were sitting cross-legged, eyes closed, swaying, holding hands, and singing, "All we are saying is give peace a chance," are, all of a sudden, in your face yelling and screaming because you are an evil, intolerant bigot and deserve to die a horrible, excruciating death. Okay, I've never had this happen to me, but I have seen similar outbursts on the internet (isn't technology wonderful).

You can go around and try to tell people that Jesus was a good guy who said some good stuff and did some good things for people a long time ago. If that is as far as you go, then people probably won't get mad at you. It's when you start getting exclusive that people will have a problem. And that's the problem with many who profess to be followers of Christ. We "go along to get along." I will say just enough but not too much so people won't get mad at me. After all, Christians are supposed to be all about peace, right?

In Matthew 10:34-36, Jesus says, *Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.*

Jesus makes very exclusive statements. In next week's article, we will take a look at some of the exclusive claims in the New Testament.

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