What is a Liberal Church?

LIBERAL = open to new behavior or opinions and willing to discard traditional values, and attitudes.

CONSERVATIVE = holding to traditional attitudes and values and cautious about change or innovation, typically in relation to politics or religion.

Liberal Christianity, also known as **liberal theology**, covers diverse philosophically and biblically informed religious movements and ideas within <u>Christianity</u> from the late <u>18th century</u> onward. *Liberal* does not refer to <u>Progressive Christianity</u> or to a <u>political philosophy</u> but to the philosophical and religious thought that developed and grew as a consequence of the <u>Enlightenment</u>.

The word *liberal* in liberal Christianity originally denoted a characteristic willingness to interpret scripture according to modern philosophic perspectives (hence the parallel term <u>modernism</u>) and modern scientific assumptions, while attempting to achieve the Enlightenment ideal of objective point of view, without preconceived notions of the authority of scripture or the correctness of Church dogma.

- 1. Authority and Inerrancy of scripture? (this determines everything)
- 2. Homosexuality?
- 3. Evolution
- 4. Abortion
- 5. Sin
- 6. Tolerance

Is there a lack of boundaries for the sake of inclusion?

Love and acceptance dictates our values instead of absolute truth.

"Truth is evolving" it is progressive?