

Chasm or Gap in perception and reality –

1. Sloppy Agape

- a. no conflict, passivity
- b. don't offend people
- c. unity and peace at any cost

1. Tough love, boundaries

- a. confront, rebuke sin
- b. teach repentance
- c. Jesus came to divide, distinguish, separate

Matt 10:34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

2 Tim 4: I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. 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. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Matt 3:2 ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

What this Does not mean...

- 1. alienate unbelievers unnecessarily when they don't understand
- 2. forget about the sin in your own life
- 3. demand unbelievers to attend church and behave
- 4. push Rules instead of relationship
- 5. require other “cultures” to convert to your personal preferences