

## **Sin or Sinner**

You don't have to accept the sin to accept the sinner, nor do you have to hate the sinner because you hate the sin: thus, you can love all no matter what sins they may have committed. We should not embrace, or condone what God condemns, or justify the sin just because you love the sinner. God "cannot look upon sin (the act not the actor) with the least degree of allowance" yet He continues to love the sinner. God and the Church will accept everyone, even those who may have committed every sin -IF- they want to change. This is the standard for worthiness to participate in the covenant of Baptism and membership; "fruits meet for repentance" (Matthew 3:8) not be perfectly free from sin. The gospel message is the love and forgiveness of God, which love we ought to promote, rather than endorse the acceptance of the sin foolishly demanding that the church, and therefore God, should change. The Church accepts all people -IN- their sins if they seek to be saved -FROM- their sins through the Gospel of faith and repentance.

"God cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance" (D&C 1:31). Notice it is the sin not the sinner. This is because the character of the individual must be worthy to endure His glory. For "God cannot deny himself," or deny His Glory in the least degree of allowance.