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“Believe what you will, but keep it to yourself.” That is the attitude that has been expressed by many people for the last several years. As far back as our memory can recount, the idea of not “proselytizing” was encouraged by some.

Some have the idea, and it appears that some of us have bought into it, that you can believe what you want as long as you “keep it to yourself.” Believe this is a new idea? Not so! In Acts 4:1 the Bible records, “And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.” (thru v.3 ESV)

“So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.’” (Acts 4:18-20 ESV)

Some think they are modern because they don’t think others should persuade them they may be wrong, but the idea has been around for at least since Jesus died on the cross. Sometimes even brethren do not think we have a right to point out error, however, if we are true to our Savior, we must speak when backed up by His word.

In the words of Peter and John, “…we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

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