

## Be Aware of Sin's Compromise II

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Paul's Rhetorical Questions (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1).

This second Corinthian passage identifies two opposing worlds. The terminology is clear. One of those worlds is marked by righteousness, light, Christ, believers, and the presence of God. The other is marked by lawlessness, darkness, Satan, unbelievers, and the presence of false gods. And these two worlds are utterly different, distinct, and mutually exclusive.

They cannot work together in common partnership; they cannot fellowship together. They are not in harmony with one another. One is old; the other is new. One is earthly; the other is heavenly. One is deadly; the other is life giving. One is wicked; the other holy. One is built on lies; the other is all truth. One perishes and the other lives eternally.

1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Romans 12:1-2

### 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?

We cannot blend the Church with popular culture (the World), some desire to make Christ more popular, less different, more palatable, less offensive, less narrow, less exclusive. And the result of it is that true holiness and the purity of God's Word gets corrupted by compromise. The Church can become useless, shameful, and profane in mocking the truth. For a saint there can be no compromise. We cannot engage ourselves with sinners in any Spiritual endeavor.

- Paul is not saying, cut off all contact with non-Christians. He's not saying that because we have to reach them with the gospel.
- Secondly, he is not calling for complete isolation on the part of the church. We are not to become isolationists. We are to find unbelievers and love them, befriend them, and set a model of spiritual example for them.
- Paul is not saying you are to divorce your unsaved partner, or sever all unsaved contacts; or all contacts with unsaved people in your family. Also this scripture is not saying that you can't work, do business or be engaged in common earthly enterprise with unbelievers. CAUTION: Must know how to draw the separation line.

Deuteronomy 22:10- An ox and a donkey cannot pull a straight furrow when under the same yoke. These two animals have a different nature and gate (manner of walk).

1 John 3: 4-10 - Righteousness verse unrighteousness. No harmony.

### And what communion hath light with darkness?

Saint has different perspective and vision then an unbeliever.

### 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial?

Saint has different and new identity and nature. A spiritual alive state. The sinner is dead in sin.

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### Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Amos 3:3 gives the same principle. How can two walk together unless they be agreed? All of our beliefs, our values, our principles, and our motives as Christians are completely contrary to all the values, principles, beliefs and motives of the unconverted.

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Leviticus 26:11, 12; Jeremiah 24:7; Ezekiel 37:27

### The living God in contrast to dead idols.

Here is an issue of sacrilege (the violation or desecration of something considered holy or sacred) and defilement. All false religion is demon worship. An idol is nothing. You can carve an idol out of wood. You can make an idol out of stone, out of silver; out of gold. Paint one on a wall. Form one out of marble. When you're done with it, it's nothing.

The religion and the ideology that an idol stands for is the teaching of demons. It is the doctrines of demons coming from seducing spirits (1 Timothy 4:1). Demons impersonate the idol, and you worship a demon in the idol, unknowingly (1 Sam. 5:1-6). It is a demon who creates the religion, who conducts the relationship with the worshiper. It is demon communion (1 Corinthians 10:14-23). It is the table of demons.

Worship of the idol, is equal to worship of that demon.

Psalm 96:5 "For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens." All the gods of the nations are demons; the Old Testament says, because demons impersonate the idols that men create under their stimulation.

*1 Kings 11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites:*

Genesis 19:31-36, 37, 38- Two sons born of incest (between Lot and his daughters) became progenitors of Moab and Ammon, Israel's longstanding enemies. Immoral philosophy of Sodom and Gomorrah had corrupted the thinking of Lot's daughters.

Edomites-Descendants of Esau. Gen. 27:41; Romans 9:13.

Zidonians (Sidonians) -From city of Sidon, in general the Phoenicians. Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians. She was involved in worshiping Baal, the god of her people. After her marriage to Ahab, her first recorded action was cutting off the prophets of the Lord (1 Kings 18:4). In Revelation 2:20 Jezebel's reputation lives on as Jesus speaks against the church at Thyatira: "But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols." The woman's name in

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Thyatira was probably not literally "Jezebel," but her immorality and idolatry in preying upon God's people was very Jezebel-like.

*1 Kings 11:2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.*

Deuteronomy 7:1-8; 17:17

*1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.*

Concubines--were legitimate, but lower or secondary wives. They all had their own gods or deities.

*1 Kings 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.*

*5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.*

*6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.*

Solomon became an actual and open idolater, worshipping images of wood or stone in sight of the very temple which, in early life, he had erected to the true God. Hence that part of Olivet was called the high place of Tophet (Jeremiah 7:30-34), and the hill is still known as the Mount of Offense, of the Mount of Corruption (2 Kings 23:13).

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

From the moment of salvation on you make a clean break. Disengage yourself from any form of falsehood or sinful experience. Don't allow contamination to come alongside you as if you are accepting of it.

Ephesians 5:1-10

Protecting a pure mind and ability to comprehend the truth is what is at stake in a dark environment.

Rev. 18:4 - Separate from that wicked system

The verbs used there in verse 17, "come out" and "be separate," are imperatives in the Greek, *exerchomai* and *aphorizo*. They are commands. The word "touch" is *haptesthe*. It means to touch in a carnal way. It's used, for example, in 1 Corinthians 7. "It's good for a man not to touch a woman, to avoid fornication." It's used in 1 John 5:18 where it talks about the evil one touching us. It is a carnal harmful touch.

Leviticus 20th chapter

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We must draw the lines as closely and clearly as we can understand the Bible draws them. We must do all we can to live within those lines, not for the sake of being rigid but for the sake of spiritual benefit. There can be no real blessing in the life of a believer who is in sinful and unholy alliances with the ungodly. You will forfeit the fullness of God's blessing. There is immense reward for one who doesn't compromise with ungodly systems.