

No More Compromise!

Philippians 3:1, 6- (NLT)

Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

6 I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. **I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law**; rather, I become righteous **through faith in Christ**. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. 10 **I want to know** Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. **I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death**, 11 **so that** one way or another **I will** experience the resurrection from the dead! 12 **I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things** or that I have already reached perfection. **But I press** on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

Religion Vs. Relationship

Faith in Christ:
Eph 2:8,
2 Cor 5:17

Know

Him:
John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

“But I press” (apprehend), Gr. katalambanō - to catch, obtain, seize, overtake

Philippians 3:12 KJV

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, **if that I may apprehend** that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 (KJV) 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of

the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

John 1:5 (KJV) 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness **comprehended** (katalambanō) it not.

William Mounce wrote “though it is important to realize that evil can never extinguish good, in the same sense that darkness can never extinguish light (John 1:5 ‘And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.’ These were the days before people knew about a “black hole” which can swallow up even light!) This word indicates ‘grasping hold of Christ’.*

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13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 **press on** to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Press on, Gr. diōkō - the pursue, to follow after. Translated persecute 28's. Paul describes persecuting Christians as an unbeliever and then being persecuted as a believer and that all who live godly will be persected (2 Tim 3:12)

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15 Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. 16 But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. 17 Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. 18 For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life

Because they compromise: they say one thing and do another. Our job is to judge. HEAR ME OUT...

here on earth. 20 But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. 21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 (KJV)

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

* (Dakes) The spiritual man examines, convinces, and reproves the natural man of his evil ways, yet no one is able to find fault with the godly man.

We don't condemn the person; we condemn the sin. Sometimes, it's a time to hold our peace and other times it's time to call it out. Holy Spirit will show you.

Judge, Gr. anakrinō - to examine in a forensic sense; to hold an investigation; **DOES IT PASS THE WORD TEST & bear witness with HS**

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (GW)

A person who isn't spiritual doesn't accept the teachings of God's Spirit. He thinks they're nonsense **(AND WANTS TO ARGUE WHY HE IS RIGHT)**. He can't understand them because a person must be spiritual to evaluate them. 15 Spiritual people evaluate everything but are subject to no one's evaluation. 16 "Who has known the mind of the Lord so that he can teach him?" However, we have the mind of Christ.

Hebrews 3:12-15 (KJV)

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.** 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end**; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

2 Corinthians 11:1-3

Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:1-3 (TPT)

Now, please bear with some of my “craziness” for a moment. Yes, please be patient with me. 2 You need to know that God’s passion is burning inside me for you, because, like a loving father, I have pledged your hand in marriage to Christ, your true bridegroom. I’ve also promised that I would present his fiancée to him as a pure virgin bride. 3 But now I’m afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s clever lies, your thoughts may be corrupted and you may lose your single-hearted devotion and pure love for Christ.

Philippians 3:17-21

Brethren, be followers together of me, **and mark them which walk so** as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

John 14:15-16 (GW)

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments. 16 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever.

Ephesians 4:30-32 (GW)

Don’t give God’s Holy Spirit any reason to be upset with you. He has put his seal on you for the day you will be set free ʘ from the world of sin ʘ.

31 **Get rid of your bitterness, hot tempers, anger, loud quarreling, cursing, and hatred.** 32 Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ.

Galatians 5:13-26 (GW) 13 You were indeed called to be free, brothers and sisters. Don't turn this freedom into an excuse for your corrupt nature to express itself. Rather, serve each other through love. 14 All of Moses' Teachings are summarized in a single statement, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." 15 But if you criticize and attack each other, be careful that you don't destroy each other.

16 Let me explain further. Live your life as your spiritual nature directs you. Then you will never follow through on what your corrupt nature wants. 17 What your corrupt nature wants is contrary to what your spiritual nature wants, and what your spiritual nature wants is contrary to what your corrupt nature wants. They are opposed to each other. As a result, you don't always do what you intend to do. 18 If your spiritual nature is your guide, you are not subject to Moses' laws.

19 Now, the effects of the corrupt nature are obvious: illicit sex, perversion, promiscuity, 20 idolatry, drug use, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, angry outbursts, selfish ambition, conflict, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild partying, and similar things. I've told you in the past and I'm telling you again that people who do these kinds of things will not inherit God's kingdom.

22 But the spiritual nature produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There are no laws against things like that. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their corrupt nature along with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by our spiritual nature, then our lives need to conform to our spiritual nature. 26 We can't allow ourselves to act arrogantly and to provoke or envy each other.

Hebrews 10:24-31 (GW)

We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things. 25 We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming. 26 If we go on sinning after we have learned the truth, no sacrifice can take away our sins. 27 All that is left is a terrifying wait for judgment and a raging fire that will consume God's enemies. 28 If two or three witnesses accused

someone of rejecting Moses' Teachings, that person was shown no mercy as he was executed. 29 What do you think a person who shows no respect for the Son of God deserves? That person looks at the blood of the promise (the blood that made him holy) as no different from other people's blood, and he insults the Spirit that God gave us out of his kindness. He deserves a much worse punishment. 30 We know the God who said, "I alone have the right to take revenge.

I will pay back."

God also said,

"The Lord will judge his people."

31 Falling into the hands of the living God is a terrifying thing.

Romans 14:1-13 (GW) Welcome people who are weak in faith, but don't get into an argument over differences of opinion. 2 Some people believe that they can eat all kinds of food. Other people with weak faith believe that they can eat only vegetables. 3 People who eat all foods should not despise people who eat only vegetables. In the same way, the vegetarians should not criticize people who eat all foods, because God has accepted those people. 4 Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether his servant has been successful. The servant will be successful because the Lord makes him successful.

5 One person decides that one day is holier than another. Another person decides that all days are the same. Every person must make his own decision. 6 When people observe a special day, they observe it to honor the Lord. When people eat all kinds of foods, they honor the Lord as they eat, since they give thanks to God. Vegetarians also honor the Lord when they eat, and they, too, give thanks to God. 7 It's clear that we don't live to honor ourselves, and we don't die to honor ourselves. 8 If we live, we honor the Lord, and if we die, we honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this reason Christ died and came back to life so that he would be the Lord of both the living and the dead.

10 Why do you criticize or despise other Christians? Everyone will stand in front of God to be judged. 11 Scripture says,

"As certainly as I live, says the Lord, everyone will worship me, and everyone will praise God."

12 All of us will have to give an account of ourselves to God.

13 So let's stop criticizing each other. Instead, you should decide never to do anything that would make other Christians have doubts or lose their faith.

Philippians 2:12-13 (KJV)

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Work out your own salvation... what other people do is not our business except to pray for them. We are certainly not to compare them to how good we think we are.

There are 3 groups that require action:

1. Believers including carnal ones: pray for them and leave 'em alone!!
2. Believers in sin: correct them
3. Sinners: share the Gospel

1 Thessalonians 4:11

And that ye **study** to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (TPT)

Aspire to lead a calm and peaceful life as you mind your own business and earn your living, just as we've taught you. 12 By doing this you will live an honorable life, influencing others and commanding respect of even the unbelievers. Then you'll be in need of nothing and not dependent upon others.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (CEV)

Try your best to live quietly, to mind your own business, and to work hard, just as we taught you to do. 12 Then you will be respected by people who are not followers of the Lord, and you won't have to depend on anyone.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (GW)

Also, make it your goal to live quietly, do your work, and earn your own living, as we ordered you. 12 Then your way of life will win respect from those outside [□] the church _┘, and you won't have to depend on anyone else for what you need.

Study, Gr. philotimeomai (fee-lo-ti-meh-o-my) -- to be ambitious; pursue eagerly; strive and aspire to; prize above measure.

True Christian Behavior

Be quiet, Gr. hesuchazo (hay-soo-hod-zo). to keep quiet; to rest, cease from labour

The thought is that of a disposition and life of peace, and contentment; even temperament; to be meek; and learn self-control in all things; not to permit any thing to disturb or cause a display of temper tantrums or disturb the peace of others. There evidently were a few idle, tattling people in this church, who, instead of working, went from place to place carrying on religious gossip, meddling with the business of others, and causing splits or divisions. Hence, the commands to quit such practices, to do their own business, leave others alone, to hold their peace, walk honestly toward the world, and to work with their own hands so they would have no time to meander and gossip.

1 Cor 8:1b "...Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth."

James 4:15-17 (KJV)

For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. 17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James 4:17 (NLT) 17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

[sin] Greek: hamartia (G266), missing the mark. Translated sin 172 Times

1 John 1:7-8 (NLT)

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

(JFB) say that we have no sin--"HAVE," not "have had," must refer not to the past sinful life while unconverted, but to the present state wherein believers have sin even still. Observe, "sin" is in the singular; "(confess our sins" (1Jo 1:9) in the plural. Sin refers to the corruption of the old man still present in us, and the stain created by the actual sins flowing from that old nature in us. To confess our need of cleansing from present sin is essential to "walking in the light"; so far is the presence of some sin incompatible with our in the main "walking in light." But the believer hates, confesses, and longs to be delivered from all sin, which is darkness. "They who defend their sins, will see in the great day whether their sins can defend them."

deceive ourselves--We cannot deceive God; we only make ourselves to err from the right path.