

HOW TO KEEP SAVED

Lesson Six

INTRODUCTION

1. This is the sixth lesson on "How to Keep Saved".
2. Thus far in our study we have learned for one to keep saved, he must:
 - (1) Love God and the Truth supremely
 - (2) Have strong convictions
 - (3) Read and study the word of God regularly
 - (4) Pray regularly
3. Today, we will study: "The Christian Must Not Have a Spirit of Compromise"

I. THE CHILD OF GOD CANNOT BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND HAVE A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE

1. One of Satan's most potent weapons is COMPROMISE.
2. "COMPROMISE" means: "to reach an agreement by concession" *Webster*
3. Satan has always wanted God's people to compromise the truth with error -- Eph. 4: 27; II Tim 2:26; II Cor. 2:11
 - (1) He is the great counterfeiter
 1. Christ -- Matt. 24:24
 2. Gospel -- Gal. 1: 6 - 9
 3. The Church
4. When Satan can get us to compromise, he knows he can destroy our souls in hell.
5. In matters of opinion and judgment we must yield many times -- Rom. 14
6. But, in matters of faith, we CANNOT YIELD without the wrath of God coming down upon us -- Phil. 1:17; Jude 3; Rom. 2: 8 - 9; Rom. 11:22; Gal. 1: 6 - 9
7. Moses challenged God's people after Aaron had made the golden calf for them to worship: "*Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him*" -- Ex. 32: 26
8. Elijah challenged God's people in I Kings 18: 21: "*How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: But if Baal then follow him.*"
9. Joshua, in Joshua 24:15, said, "*And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*"
10. Hosea 7:8: "*Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.*" (In other words, "half-baked" -- standing for nothing).

II. SATAN HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO GET GOD'S PEOPLE TO COMPROMISE

1. Satan god Adam and Eve to compromise -- Gen. 3: 1 - 8
2. King Saul compromised with Satan:
 - (1) God told Saul to utterly destroy the Amalekites and all that they had -- I Sam. 15:3
 - (2) Saul compromised and took Agag, the king, alive and the best of the sheep, oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good -- I Sam. 15:9
 - (3) Because Saul compromised and rejected the word of the Lord, God rejected him from being king -- I Sam. 15:23
3. In the first century, Satan tried to compromise the truth of the gospel with Judaism.
 - (1) The Judaizing teachers taught, "*Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved*" - Acts 15:1
 - (2) The Apostles and Elders at Jerusalem said that they "*gave no such commandment*" as was being taught by the Judaizers -- Acts 15:24
 - (3) The Apostle Paul said that he did not compromise with these false teachers, "*an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you*" -- Gal. 2:5
 - (4) Without Truth:
 1. There is no freedom from sin -- John 8:32
 2. No fellowship with God -- II John 9 - 11
 3. No purifying the soul -- I Pet. 1:22

III. DEPARTURES FROM THE FAITH ALWAYS COME WITH AN ATTITUDE OF COMPROMISE -- II Tim. 4: 1 - 5

1. A compromising attitude, or mind-set, develops in the church from time to time that brings a departure from the faith -- II Thess. 2:7
2. Passages that warn about this compromising attitude:
 - (1) I Tim. 4: 1 - 2
 - (2) II Tim. 4: 1 - 5
 - (3) II Thess. 2:7
 - (4) Matt. 7: 21 - 23
 - (5) Col. 2:8
 - (6) Heb. 3: 12 - 13
 - (7) I Cor. 11:19
 - (8) I John 2:19
3. Before we study the mind-set that calls for a softening toward error, let us first study the mind-set of a true Christian toward the word of God:
 - (1) It is God's word -- I Thess. 2:13
 - (2) It is authoritative and sufficient -- Matt. 28:18; John 12:48; II Tim. 3: 16, 17; II Pet. 1:3

(3) It can be understood -- Eph. 5:17

(4) It is to be rigidly (not bending or flexible) followed -- I Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22: 18 - 19; II Tim. 1:3

4. Examples of the compromising attitude:

(1) It is the attitude that the church must adapt itself to the changing conditions of the times -- Rom. 12: 1 - 2; John 17: 14

1. The word is ABSOLUTE

(2) The content of preaching is changed, "felt-need" sermons, all positive and no negative preaching -- II Tim. 4:2

(3) A change in attitude toward controversy and contending for the faith -- Jude 3; Phil. 1:17; Acts 17:17

(4) A change in attitude toward fellowshiping those in error -- II John 9 - 11; Eph. 5:11

1. "Unity-in-diversity" attitude

(5) There is a change of attitude toward morals.

1. Many want preaching that does not deal with:

(1) Mixed swimming

(2) Immodest dress

(3) Social drinking

(4) Dancing

(5) Petting

(6) Gambling

(7) Adulterous marriages

(8) Going to dirty movies

(9) Materialism

(6) Feelings become the ultimate criterion of what is right -- subjectivism

(7) Compromise with denominationalism

1. Joining them in their worship and work

2. Having an ecumenical spirit; seeking harmony and peace with denominations at the expense of truth

- II John 9 - 11

CONCLUSION:

1. I think you can see from this lesson that one cannot keep saved and have a compromising attitude.

2. Let us all have the attitude of David: *"Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way"*
--Psa. 119: 104

3. Are you here and out of Christ? Won't you obey the gospel now?

4. Are you here and you need to correct your life?

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