

Who is Going...? Part 6: "to Stand Against Compromise?"

"You can have it all if you will just kneel before me..." –The Lord of Compromise

Who could have known when we left off last week what was about to happen in our county and in our country?

That an explosion would go off regarding C-scope and our kids that needed a response...

That bombs would go off at the Boston Marathon highlighting the difference between reactors and responders...

But we concluded... "Parents" had to live differently for the sake of the next generations! "Not hiding the word from our children – so they would rise up to show their children His ways!" **Ps78** Had to stop playing with our faith and "grow" up! **Heb 5.12-6.1** Pleases God when we make the way for them... Displeases Him when we don't remove the hindrances!

Because the world, for us, was about to become a very different place... The church will be assaulted with compromised beliefs... And we either meet it as responders, to shine and rescue... Or as reactors, who go with the outward flow!

What we have in our opening statements is the reality that we are under assault on many fronts... that the world needs disciplined men and women who will run toward trouble, not away from it... And that need is the whole point of Christian training and maturing... and the pathos/ethos of Life Church!

Caveat #1... Say clearly that I am thankful for all Christian salvations... *the point!* That saved people will all be in heaven together... That all saved people will be in heaven w/some brokenness... That all saved people have the right to choose what they want from God. That not all believers have the same personal goals as God...

But they are all loved and valued and can find a place that "fits" them and their families...

Caveat #2... That I genuinely have no personal goal today aside from giving you information to consider... For your personal evaluation of where you are/what level you want... You have all the latitude you want to disagree... I'm doing my job/get us over the hump/on to the next steps...

The environment we enjoy is composed of the right parts of mercy & grace, discipleship & judgment, instruction & observation, encouragement & correction...

Caveat #3... Going to begin dealing with "Eight Points of Intrusion/Church..." Going to be tough decisions for some because coming to self-examination and judgment... Stay free of condemnation that makes you want to run and allow conviction to bring about change!

Who is going to stand ready and run strong in these days of compromise? From the east and west coasts, "changes" are coming to the Church... From the far-east, comes one of the most pervasive challenges to the Church...

"Syncretism..." "Fusion of *divergent* beliefs!" All modern "religions" can be traced back to the flood... No one was left alive save "eight souls..." all who knew God! **1P3.20** From Noah's grandsons Shem, Japheth, Ham flowed rebellions/ distortions/perversions of ONE GOD! Babel: "let us make a name for ourselves!"

Even a cataclysmic fresh start does not change man's nature! Apart from God we fail!

Eastern Fusion! Churches East/West have been compromised w/Eastern religion... Adapted from their local cultures... Embraced for various "reasonings..." Relevance/relationship/rewards. Yoga, Acupuncture, Karate,

Kung Fu, Taekwondo, MMA classes... In Church/completely counter culture to Christ! Inherent symbols, bowing Masters/ shrines (shomen), kneeling (seiza), meditation and worship garb...

I-Ching: *An Eastern divination system* [comparable to Western geomancy (sand readings), necromancy (communication with the dead), hydromancy (ripple reading), aeromancy (cosmological readings), pyromancy (fire related magic), chiromancy (palmistry), and spatulamancy (bone castings)] Composed by fallen Japhethians/ brought into church by christians!

"Heaven was created by the concentration of Yang, the force of light, earth was created by the concentration of Yin, the forces of darkness. Yang stands for peace and serenity; Yin stands for confusion and turmoil. Yang stands for destruction; Yin stands for conservation. Yang brings about disintegration; Yin gives shape to things...
DNA that cannot be stripped out... now in a church near you!

You can Americanize and Christianize and rename them but you can't syncretize cultic practices with occultic origins with the Bible!

"What union can there be between the temple of God and idols? You are the temple of the living God who says, 'I live in you, so, come out and be separate from your old lifestyles!'" **2Cor6.15ff**
Now have Churches deluded and diluted by "former worldliness!"

The Watering Hole... It is not for *kings or princes* to drink lest they forget the law and pervert sound judgment... **Pr31.4,5** It is not for *priests* to drink when they serve... **Lev10.9,10 Ez44.21** He washed us and made us *kings* and *priests* unto God... **Rev1.6** A.D. 60's: "Those who want to be somebody, overseers, are *nepho*: abstinent, and *no me paroinos*: not even near it!" **2T3.2ff** "Be sure you don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way... the kingdom is not food/drink, but righteousness, peace and joy... so follow after the things that make for peace and edification... don't destroy the work of God for food **R14.13ff** "Offenses will come but woe to him thru whom they come." **Lk17.1** "you have been called to liberty; but don't use it for an occasion to serve your flesh, but by love serve one another." **Gal 5.13** "you are free but don't use your freedom as a cloak to do harm to others." **1Pet2.16** "I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom..." **Mt26.29 Mk14.25 Lk22.18**

But let's forget about scripture for a moment... Let's be practical... about what's coming... Have churches with wine bars... Okay, because it's "legal!" Drink responsibly! But marijuana now legal too! (**NO WAY**) "Just get buzzed!" (w/pharmekia")

Spirit of sorcery has just entered! Who gets caught in the middle? People who need anything but a diluted and dissipated church!

Loose Lips... Being formed in the image of God who does everything w/words... What comes out of our mouths is important... Our words create the worlds we live in! God's or man's! They show what's in "abundance" (majority) in our hearts! James: shows reality or role! Jesus: they show an open link/evil!

"Jesus never used words the wrong way, even when angry..." Because there was nothing wrong in His heart... And that should be the GOAL OF EVERY BELIEVER! Right heart/right use of words!

Had to walk away from mentors... Not for slip-ups but for *purposeful usage* public/private... Proving could not trust their hearts in critical times...

People say, "It's not what we say but what we mean that's important!" We should mean what we say and what we say should be meaningful!

And it should not be competitive with the kingdom of God... And it should be depictive of a life transformed in Christ... And it should be contributory to people coming to life in Christ...

Care-less words are a curse to God, to man, and to the church!