

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Leaven of Compromise

It will not be denied that ours is an age of compromise. In business, politics, religion, in fact, in every field of endeavor, the leaven of compromise is working, and its influence is being felt. Wherever the minds of men clash the spirit of compromise manifests itself; and it is looked to as the proper solution for all the difficulties that thus arise. Usually, it is considered the chief of all virtues; and the man who is willing to compromise is credited with being of a superior type among his fellows.

The truth is, the spirit of compromise is a thing of the devil. It was born in the Garden of Eden, and by its insidious influence, sin entered the race; Pharaoh used it in a vain effort to keep the people of God from entering upon their divinely ordained destiny in Canaan, and in hundreds of other instances, both sacred and profane, it has reared its ugly head to interfere with that which is proper and right. In our own time, we have seen the hapless Chamberlain mocked at Munich by Hitler, because he relied thereon; and modern denominationalism is a pitiful counterfeit of the true religion because it is permeated with this same spirit.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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To "compromise," is, according to Webster, "to come to agreement by concession." On no occasion can a child of God do this. If he is right, all the powers of hell should not be able to move him there from; and if he is wrong, making "concessions" will not remedy the situation; what he needs to do is to get right. In neither case should he compromise! Yet, the spirit of compromise is observable in many congregations today; and its leaven is permeating an ever increasing number. All too often the preacher is impressed with the fact that a modified form of the gospel would be welcomed, and he is led to believe that the plain uncompromising attitude formerly characteristic of the brethren is decidedly out of place. Not infrequently, brethren select their preachers on this basis, and their acceptableness is conditioned on whether the preacher has learned "how to preach the gospel and let other people alone." This writer has, on numerous occasions, been summarily rejected, when his name was submitted by some of the brethren for consideration for a meeting by some brother who believes "that the day of debates has passed," because he is ever ready "earnestly to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Almost always, when one speaks of "preaching the truth and letting others alone," the statement is nothing more than a thinly veiled suggestion to compromise the truth. It has become the slogan of soft-soapers the world over. It involves a contradiction, and carries refutation on its own face. It is simply impossible to preach the truth and let others alone. Every cardinal doctrine of Christianity is, by someone denied; hence to steer clear of all such would, in effect, be a refutation of Christianity itself. For example, one cannot preach the truth on the inspiration of the Scriptures and let people alone; the infidels, modernists and skeptics would object vigorously. It would be impossible to preach the truth on the Virgin Birth of Christ, and let the Jews alone. How could one preach the truth of the plan of salvation and let the denominational churches alone? Why, one can't even preach the truth on giving and let the brethren alone! One can't preach the truth on anything and let anybody alone!

When Paul went into a community, he usually had a revival or a riot. Either he converted a large number, or else they ran him out of town. Measured by Paul, most of us are soft-soapers today. If more patterned their preaching after Paul, and fewer

after some of the widely heralded evangelists of our own day, we would have more "revivals," and perhaps a few riots as well. Brethren are giving too much attention to method and not enough to matter these days. In trying to be tactful, they have become tasteless. And the Lord pity that preacher who has grown cross-eyed watching certain faces in the congregation to see whether the preaching acceptable or not. It should be remembered that "the fear of man bringeth a snare," and if I yet pleased men I should not be a servant of Christ. "Boldness" was considered an essential characteristic in New Testament times. The early church prayed for boldness and got it (Acts 4:29-31). It was the "boldness" of Peter and John that first attracted attention to the people (Acts 4:13). The manner in which a sermon is delivered has much to do with the way in which the matter thereof is received. A lion of a sermon shrivels when spoken with the spirit of a mouse! Too many today congratulate themselves on being meek when they are just plain scared! Moses was a meek man, but no one ever accused him of being scared. His attitude toward Pharaoh's compromises is a precedent for us today.

A mighty responsibility rests upon those who presume to speak the word of life to dying people. Gospel preachers will have much to answer for at that last day. Happy indeed will that man be who can truthfully say with Paul, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

Written by Guy N. Woods

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Sermon Review

Our Declaration of Dependence

- I. True Life Comes from Losing My Life
- II. True Liberty Comes from Serving My Savior.
- III. True Happiness Comes from My Hope of Heaven

The Christian's Liberty

(Galatians 5:13)

- I. Liberty From Sin is Not a License to Sin.
- II. Liberty from Sin is not Allowance to Cause Another to Sin.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Tim II & family, mission to Philippines; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell**, routine cancer screenings.

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Family & Friends

Tyler Densford, Jared's friend severely injured in training exercise, may not walk again; **Bill Fleming**, doctors stopped treatments; **Harold Russell**, Dana's cousin; **Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy**, son Luke committed suicide; **Myrtle McNab**; **Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry, stage 4 pancreatic cancer; **Lisa Hogan**, heart problems; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Karen Shrum**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, diagnosed with cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Willie Grady**; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Jenny Kraft**; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

7/3	Ruth Brister	7/9	Olivia Wofford
7/3	Marc Strickland	7/13	Seth Daniel
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/19	Toranda House
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/6	Cali Bayless	7/31	Porter Ferrell
7/7	Aemon Ratliff		

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/11	Chris & Billie Martin
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel

Get Involved!

Providence Place Devo — TODAY — 2 PM

Nesbit VBS — July 11 – 15 — 7 PM each night

POWER Youth Rally — July 22 - 23 — See flyer

POWER Lectureship — July 24 – 28 — See flyer

Convalescence Center Devo — July 27 — 10 AM

Coldwater Singing Night — July 27 — 7 PM

5th Sunday Service — July 31 — 1 PM

Polishing The Pulpit — August 19 – 25

Early bird registration discount extended to July 19

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 10

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Assist	Geoffrey Dunn
	John Wofford
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Joe Owen
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson

Wednesday, July 13

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Chris Martin
Invitation	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Prayer	Jim Jackson