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**28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. **30** For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-30).

*Will YOU obey God?* Heb. 5:9

♥ We admonish you:  
**believe** and **obey** the Lord (Heb. 5:8, 9) ♥

Who will be saved?

Answer: Matt. 7:21.

### How Valuable Are You???

For a few verses to answer this see:

- ♥ Luke 12:7.
- ♥ Matt. 16:26.
- ♥ Matt. 6:25, 26, 33, 34.
- ♥ 1 Peter 5:7.
- ♥ Heb. 13:5, 6.
- ♥ Rom. 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18.



## Sound Words



**“Hold fast the form of sound words”**

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(2 Tim. 1:13 cf. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)

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**Church of Christ (Rom. 16:16) Mission USA**

## Drifting Away (part 1) (What A Terrible Thought)

by Perry Sexton

"Therefore we (Christians) ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them **slip**" (Hebrews 2:1 KJV). For “slip” **Strong’s Concordance** has: “to flow by, i.e. (figuratively) carelessly pass (miss):--let slip.” Concerning “miss” see article “Sin” on website, see top of back page.



It is **so easy** for even church members to “drift away, compromise, go along to get along,” whatever one may call it. All we have to do is **be silent, do nothing!** When I refer to the church I am always referring to **the one church** you read of in the Bible, **the church of Christ**.

Our loving Savior cautions, “<sup>13</sup>Enter ye in at the **strait** gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that **leadeth to destruction**, and **many** there be which go in **thereat**: <sup>14</sup>Because **strait** *is* the gate, and **narrow** *is* the way, which **leadeth** unto life, and **few** there be that find it. <sup>15</sup>**Beware of false prophets**, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matt. 7:13-15).

**Many errors** have entered into the church since it was established. Thayer’s Greek Lexicon has for **error** “a wandering, a straying

about, whereby one, led astray from the right way, roams hither and thither....” We will look at some in this series of articles.

We have many examples and warnings of **compromising** in the Bible. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 1:9). In the beginning the church "... continued stedfastly in the **apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). **But** then, sin and error crept in as we see in Galatians 1:6 "I marvel that ye are **so soon removed** from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:" (Galatians 1:6). Much of the New Testament was written to correct sin and error in the church.

**Strong's Concordance** has for **transgress** "to go contrary to, i.e. Violate a command."

"Brethren, if any of you do **err** from the truth, and one convert him;" (James 5:19) **Strong's Concordance** has for **err**, "deceive, err, seduce, wander. From **plane**; to (properly, cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue) -- go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way." Compare: "Which have **forsaken the right way**, and are **gone astray**, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;" (2 Peter 2:15).

**Brethren, take special note of this**, "But evil men and seducers shall **wax worse and worse, deceiving**, and being **deceived**" (2 Timothy 3:13). If one cannot see that this has happened and is happening it is likely because he does not want to see or has blinders on willingly.

We have many examples of **not compromising** in the Bible. In fact, every faithful person you read about, such as in Hebrews 11, stands as one who did not compromise, or if she or he did, they repented. Early on we find a very great example of how we should not compromise.

When Pharaoh was trying to get Moses to compromise and leave the herds behind, **Moses**, exclaimed, "Our cattle also shall go with us; **there shall not an hoof be left behind**; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither" (Exodus 10:26). Friends, when we learn anything in God's Word concerning what we should do or not do and how we should be and not be, we should **immediately obey**!

Our Lord pleads, "**Enter** ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:" (Matthew 7:13). The word "**enter**" shows there is something we must do. Luke says it this way, "**Strive** to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be

able" (Luke 13:24). **Do nothing** and enter not, you just keep on **drifting** down the "broad way."

As Christians, members of the Lord's church (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47). We must guard our souls. "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19). See Strong's and Thayer's on the word "patience." It goes along with the word "strive," showing a struggle, etc.

**How about us?** Do we compromise by just standing by? Not standing against sin and error! Do we just remain silent??? Can we even think we are pleasing to God if we do?

Ever since I have been in the church (1974) I have seen many members compromise truth by just being silent, doing nothing.

Early on, before I even knew of **premillennialism** one was teaching elements of it in the adult class and out of the many present, only one spoke out against the error, and he was a visitor. **What a shame**. I suppose the problem was then as it is now and has always been; ignorance, afraid to speak out, or even like the sound of the error.

Just recently the **AD 70 error** (realized eschatology or Max Kingism) came out at the **Brookmead congregation (NI – Non-Institutional) in Johnson City, TN**. There it seems to be a mixture of all the above ways of compromising and even more. It is amazing to me how congregations can study in Bible classes truth and then straightway violate it. For example, at **Brookmead** great words spoken by members of the church concerning Matthew 10:37: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." **But when put to the test** choose to show solidarity with one who holds and teaches error. The reasons because the one holding error is a friend or family member.

Reminds me of the boastful tongue: "Even so the tongue is a little member, and **boasteth great things**. ..." (James 3:5), such as "Peter answered and said unto him [Jesus], Though all men shall be **offended** because of thee, yet will I never be offended" (Matthew 26:33). Well we know the rest of the story about that. We **must** be "... **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving your own selves**" (James 1:22). That includes speaking out against sin and error!!! Are we? Or are we just **drifting down the way of destruction**? Our choice.

The error of Brookmead is documented. Concerns about this can be sent through the website. (Articles to follow). ♥