

## LIVING IN COMPROMISE

### Deuteronomy 4:2

*Compromise* – A settlement of differences, a concession to principles.

**II Corinthians 11:4** Just like God's word in the Old Testament, God makes it clear through Paul that there are specific doctrines regarding Jesus and the Gospel and these cannot be compromised.

**Examples of O.T. & N.T. Compromise:** (**Numbers 20**) Moses disobedience at the rock. (**Leviticus 10**) Aaron's sons disobedience in the Temple. (**I Samuel 15**) King Saul disobedience at Amalek. (**II Samuel 6**) Uzzah is killed for touching the ark. (**I Corinthians 11**) Corinthian church Lord's supper.

## THE CHURCH IN COMPROMISE

1. The confessing church believes Jesus is Lord of every culture. The compromising church changes to accommodate our cultural changes.
2. The confessing church stands fast in spite of opposition. The compromising church alters the word and their preaching to accommodate opposition.
3. The confessing church puts Christ above ethnicity, nationality, religious groups, and heritage. The compromising church believe and teach the bible to accommodate different belief systems.
4. The confessing church has always been penalized by the government. The compromising church is celebrated by the liberals and the government.
5. The true church desires the praise of God. The compromising church desires the praise of men.

## LIVING LIKE LOT

**II Pt 2:6-8; I Cor. 10:11** Lot was *vexed* (troubled, disturbed) about the sin of his city which we know was homosexuality and sodomy. As the scripture teaches, Lot was a saved man but a carnal, backslidden, and compromising believer. Within all bible teaching Lot represents the carnal, worldly believer and Sodom and Gomorrah pictures the unrighteous, sinful lost world.

**II Pt 2:8; I Cor. 15:33; II Cor. 6:14-18** Notice that Lot endured living within the unrighteous life style day in and day out. The peer pressure and constant visual and sounds of the sinful lifestyle wore him out. Although he was troubled about it, he stayed silent regarding any protest in relation to God.

**James 1:27** James tells us believers are to keep themselves “unspotted from the world.” Many believers are *vexed* by the sinfulness of what we watch on T. V., the internet, the advertising, the dirty jokes at work, the music we hear but like Lot, we keep doing it and our spirit gets numb and calloused.

**Proverbs 22:6** We know that public schools have outlawed God and Jesus Christ along with any reference to the bible, yet we send our kids there to be indoctrinated into an anti-God, evolutionary society and wonder why they become rebellious and anti-God and like Lot we end up losing our kids.

**Genesis 18:16-33; Ezekiel 33:1-6** It seemed that Abraham was convinced that there were at least 10 believers between the two cities seeing how Lot had an extended family and had been taught by Abraham, a Godly uncle, but Lot loved Sodom more than his family. Believers and Preachers today do not teach or stand against sin instead they compromise and embrace this wicked world system.

**Genesis 19:12-26** Here we see where spiritual compromise ends up. When pushed to the end, Lot tried to get his family saved but it was too late. Some family laughed at him because of his lack of any Godly testimony. He lost his wife do to her love for the sinful life. Lot himself had to be pulled “out of the fire” so to speak, saved by the skin of his teeth like so many believers today- (**I Cor. 3:15**).

Lot is a perfect picture of a backslidden, compromising believer, unwilling to take a stand, not having a testimony against sin and for God and Christ. Because of his love for Sodom Lot lost his testimony, his self respect, and his family. The American compromising church better wake up!!