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ACCEPTANCE BY COMPROMISE

A. W. Tozer wrote this over fifty years ago. He said: “The rise of a new religious spirit in recent years is marked by disturbing similarities to that earlier ‘revival’ under Constantine. Now as then a quasi-Christianity is achieving acceptance by compromise...It is offering Christ at bargain prices... The sum of all of this is not transforming the people; rather it is being transformed by the people...” It seems to me that Tozer was speaking about Evangelicalism for that is exactly what has happened since the *New Evangelicalism* came in back in the 1940’s. However, sad to say, the same thing has been at work in Fundamental circles for some time also. For example, there is the widespread use of modern versions, contemporary music, lack of dress standards, association with New Evangelicals; using Rick Warren’s material, and worse, etc.

WE ARE TO HATE SOME THINGS

J. C. Ryle said, “There is a hatred that is downright charity; that is the hatred of erroneous doctrine. There is an intolerance that is downright praiseworthy; that is the intolerance of false doctrine in the pulpit.” In Psalm 119:128 it says: “**I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and I hate every false way.**” False doctrine leads multitudes to hell! Should we tolerate or wink at it? False doctrine is no small matter. God hates it and we should too. It is not charitable to overlook or condone heresy; it is downright evil. May the Lord help us to maintain “sound doctrine” no matter what it may cost us.

MY FATHER WENT TO CHURCH

“My father was that kind of a Christian. You didn’t have to put on a supper or a show to get him to church. He didn’t go to be entertained. When he felt like it and when he didn’t, when the weather was good and when it wasn’t, when the preaching was interesting and when it was dull, my father was there. He was a faithful listener, too, and did his sleeping at home. The minister was not a feature – he was a preacher, and people went to church to worship God and hear preaching. You could count on father. He was the salt of the earth.” The last place in the world one ought to go to be entertained is to church. And yet, that is exactly what many Fundamental Baptist churches have become, religious entertainment centers. Does anybody care what God thinks? There is coming a day when you will wish you had cared!

WHERE THE BATTLE RAGES

Martin Luther penned these words about five hundred years ago. “If I profess with the loudest voice clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at the moment attacking, then I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Him. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is merely flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”

THE WORST SIN TODAY

“The worst sin today is to say that you agree with the Christian faith and believe in the Bible, but then make common cause with those who deny the basic facts of Christianity. Never was it more obviously true that he that is not with Christ is against Him.” –Dr. J. Gresham Machen