

"ALL BEING OF ONE ACCORD"

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...being an exhortation to AVIDD

Jim Cabaniss asked me to find and read some biblical scriptures at our meeting today which would encourage more harmony among our members. In other words, Brother Jim wants all of us to be "of one accord." This, of course, is a noble objective so I bent to the task!

Well, there is a word in our English vocabulary, which is getting a lot of currency today, and which seems at first thought, to fit our current situation. The word is "COMPROMISE." Of course I had to first go to my trusty Webster's to make sure I understood the full meaning of this term, and here it is:

COMPROMISE...

1. To settle or adjust by concessions some demands made by each side.
2. An adjustment of opposing principles, systems, etc., by modifying some aspects of **each**.
3. To weaken, or give up, (one's principles, ideals, etc.) as for reasons of expediency.

Now we are ready to go to our trusty K.J.V. Holy Bible, and see what our leader, JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, and GOD THE FATHER has to say about "COMPROMISING" OUR CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS.

Well, I searched the scriptures and found that the word "COMPROMISE" is not to be found in the K.J.V. Bible, therefore, it is not in the HEBREW language!

The word closest to "COMPROMISE" to be found in our Bibles is "COMPREHEND," which is defined as "TO KNOW, BE AQUAINTED WITH," and is derived from the Hebrew word "yada."

We now already "KNOW" something that we did not know before, and that is the word "COMPROMISE" cannot be found in God's Word. If you contemplate this fact for a moment you will see that the reason for this is simple Jehovah-God, our LORD, is completely SOVEREIGN, and does not need to "compromise." Therefore, He has set rules (Commandments) for His people to follow. They are easy to find in His Word, and I will reference several of them, and one in particular will fit the situation that we find ourselves in today.

Please be cognizant of the fact that there are many things, and situations in our daily lives that could, and perhaps should, be compromised, i.e.: "give and take." However, the Apostle Paul tells us in the first verse of his gospel that "In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us." God gave His Word, a name.... the name, JESUS CHRIST. Now JESUS, who is GOD-IN-THE-FLESH, tells us that "HE IS THE TRUTH, AND THE LIGHT..." Therefore, it is this TRUTH ...GOD'S WORD...THAT SHOULD NEVER BE COMPROMISED, i.e. "adjusted," "modified", "weakened," or "given up".

In our private lives, we "compromise" frequently. For example I want to go dancing, and my wife wants to go to the movies...we compromise and GO TO THE MOVIES!

So here, then, is the standard which our LORD demands (commands) of we who bear his name, and profess to be believers:"

2 Cor. 6:14-17 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:

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- a) for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?
- b) and what communion hath light with darkness?
- c) and what concord hath Christ with *Belial*? or
- d) he that believeth, with an infidel?
- e) and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?
for ye are the temple of the living God.
- f) Wherefore, **come out from among them, and "BE YE SEPARATE."**

Now this is God's teaching in the New Testament; but was it the same teaching in the Old Testament Does our GOD change his mind? He says not: HE IS THE SAME "YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW." Therefore, we find this same teaching in:

Numbers 16:20-21:

"And the LORD spoke unto MOSES and AARON, saying, SEPARATE YOURSELVES from among this CONGREGATION, that I (God) may consume them in a moment."

As you can see, it is either/or with JEHOVAH-GOD, and in His own words He tells us this: "YE ARE EITHER FOR ME, OR AGAINST ME." THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO MIDDLE GROUND.

Believe it or not, these scriptures do not apply to the ANTI-CHRIST NON-BELIEVERS for the simple reason that they are "ALL IN ACCORD" but unfortunately it is IN ACCORD WITH THE DEVIL. As we all know, the DEVIL is the "PRINCE OF THE WORLD." But the Apostle Peter gave us GOD'S prescription for being IN ONE ACCORD! LISTEN:

"Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and be BAPTISED, every one of you in the name of JESUS CHRIST, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the HOLY GHOST."

Please note-Peter did not say for us to "ACCEPT the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and be saved," as our churches teach; but that we are to "REPENT", which means to turn away from our sins... then be BAPTISED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, and then our SINS ARE FORGIVEN, and we become one of HIS, because HIS HOLY SPIRIT enters us and from that day forward convicts us when we do wrong!

Folks, if this sounds like a church...so be it. I say this because I have been told before, after speaking God's Word here, that "THIS IS NOT A CHURCH!"

You will be interested to know that this is the very phrase used by Anti-Christ Liberals, to remove GOD OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR GOVERNMENT, OUR PUBLIC PLACES, AND ALMOST OUT OF OUR CHURCHES!

Our LORD tells us that He is the fountainhead of ALL WISDOM, and that HE GIVES IT LIBERALLY TO THOSE WHO ASK FOR IT. How then, can we please and honour Him, and praise Him by taking Him out of our SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT, SPORTING EVENTS, AND PUBLIC PLACES?

And folks, if we take Him out of AVIDD (American Veterans In Domestic Defence), we too will have followed the path of all the above agencies who have done so, and we too, can expect the same retribution: FENCES, GUARDS IN THE HALLWAYS, METAL DETECTORS, GANGS, GRIFITTI ON OUR LOVELY CHERISHED BUILDINGS, DOPE, STABBINGS, DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS, ETC., ETC. These are but a few of the things found in our God-less Schools, etc. THEY ARE OPERATING WITHOUT GOD; THEREFORE THEY DO SO WITHOUT WISDOM.

So I leave you with GOD'S SCRIPTURE FOR US TODAY, AND EVERYDAY:

Phil. 2:2-3:

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind, let each (of us) esteem the other better than themselves."

Folks, we have a great Christian heritage to uphold...one which JESUS CHRIST gave his life for...one which our FOREFATHERS gave their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honour for...can we, who would re-store it, do less?

AS FOR ME, I KNOW NOT WHAT OTHERS MAY TAKE; BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL FOLLOW THE LORD!