

THE ACTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER 24:22-27

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TITLE:

COMPROMISE, MAN'S EASY FIX
BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD

THEME:

Acts 1:8

*"But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **"you shall be witnesses to Me"** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

COMPROMISE, IS THE SLAYER OF MEANING

Psychiatrist, Dr. Victor Frankl, concluded that one of the most basic of all human needs, driving people at least as strongly as sex or hunger, is what he calls "the will for meaning." One can endure almost any suffering, says Dr. Frankl, if there is a purpose or meaning in it. Conversely, we will be miserable even amidst great luxury if we cannot relate our life to some larger context that makes it meaningful...

Dr. Albert Einstein put it this way, "The man who regards his own life and that of his fellow creatures as meaningless and nothing - is not merely unhappy but hardly fit to live life...."

St. Augustine 15 centuries ago put it in spiritual terms "Thou God hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

"Compromise is the art of cutting the cake in such a way that each person thinks he got the bigger piece"

Compromise
Leads To Frustration, Which Leads To Aimlessness,
Which Leads To Laziness, Which Leads To Judgment
(SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING)

Matthew 25:24

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed..... :30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, and fires of hell

He did not make the right decision in life

Compromise leads to Frustration

The human soul was created for (Purpose) to know what to do and where to do it.

when the soul hasn't made up its mind

there is compromise, indecisiveness, hesitation, lack of direction - lack of vision

Compromise leads to Aimlessness

There is a story of the farmer whose dog followed him to town one day. As he hitched his horse to a post in front of the country store, the storekeeper, seeing the exhausted and panting dog, chided the farmer for making the dog run all the way while he rode. But The farmer countered, "That dog, horse and I live a mile up the road - He's not tired from following me to town. What he's tired from is foolish zigzagging. There wasn't an open gate, a hole in a fence, or a tree stump that he did not run through or explore. He's tired from off the road." That's the way many people live.

Compromise leads to Laziness

Proverbs 13:4

The soul of a lazy man desires, but has nothing;

In Mein Kampf Adolph Hitler said

"The Greatness of Christianity is that it makes no alliance to compromise with the Philosophical opinions of the world - **it relentlessly defends its message and fanatically proclaims it's doctrine**"

1.) *Coming to the Truth about Christ*

vv. 22-23

A *Felix is brought up to speed Regarding Christianity*

A Complete Understanding

* Way GRK 3598 hodos (hod-os')
the road - the route, act or the (high-) way.

The Gospel Message of Jesus Christ - Resurrection !

2.) Being *Confronted with the Truth of Christ* vv. 24-25

A *Drusilla was curious about Paul & his Message*

A 19 year play thing that he had Felix stolen from another Man

The Gospel is Confrontational (against sin) - Eternity's at Stake

The Hearing of it can be the greatest moment of
your Life

No Bells & Whistles - Just Faith

Accountable Now

John 9:39

And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." :40 Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" :41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains. :1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

I believe in freedom of Religion

**A man can choose any path, any road to hell that he wants
But God says there's only one choice that will take you to Heaven**

B Understanding more about THE Faith in Christ

When The Gospel Came to the Gentiles

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles **heard** this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Paul & Athenians at Mars Hill

Acts 17:32

And when they **heard** of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."

Paul from his roman prison

Acts 28:24

And some believed **the things which were spoken**, and some believed not.

Jesus before the scribes & Pharisees'

Matthew 12:30

"He who is not with Me is against Me,... cast the vote.... and he who does not **gather** (resorts or rests) with Me **scatters** (runs frantically away).

John 12

Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Verse 25A

* **Reasoned** **GRK 1256** **dialogomai** (dee-al-eg'-om-ahee)
to give a thorough argument , a complete argument

wouldn't you like to do this - you can - join the call

Verse 25B

* **Righteousness** **GRK 1343** **dikaiosune** (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay);
living, acting, and being of a right or acceptable manner
Right-Living

* **Self-control GRK 1466 egkrateia (eng-krat'-i-ah)f**
mastering the passions of self, to regulate one's emotional state

* **Judgment GRK 2917 krima (kree'-mah);**
the avenging, the condemnation, properly, judicial punishment

B Felix Comes under the spiritual gun of conviction

* **Afraid GRK emphobos (em'-fob-os)**
to fall in to fear, to become alarmed, to tremble at the thought of

It is O.K. to be afraid of certain things

LIKE A KILLER SNAKE, LIKE A MAD DOG, LIKE...

A HOLY AND ALL POWERFUL GOD

Conviction is a wonderful thing & what it means !!!

The Reality is settling in and the truth is at work!

Verse 25b

Felix became afraid... Why ?

What was Paul doing ?...
PERSUADING FELIX - WITNESSING EFFECTIVELY

~ not a popular truth ~

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

Believers Only

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. :11 **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;**
(to appear at this judgment - which is far better than the one coming! in rev. 20)

John 12:23 (27-29)

Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.... :27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? `Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. :28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." :29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

Why is there such a division in this recorded event ?

⁰⁰sounds like thunder to me⁰⁰

"Sounds like an angel has spoken"

It's How the Heart hears & Interprets The Message

BASS vs. VOCALS

Yesterday at The Calvary Camp in Big Bear - my ears were plugged

the tone , the sound, the pitch
is based upon how you receive it

Hebrews 10:26-29

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, :27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. :28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. :29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

you can settle the direction in which you are traveling

how do you hear this?
what's the tone , the sound, the pitch ?

God says

Come and follow me

God says

keep my commandment to love one another

God says

repent and believe in me

God says

John 3

:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

how do you hear this?

what's the tone , the sound, the pitch ?

Enter... Mr. Hoof & Horn - Satan

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Convenient & Time GRK 2540 kairos (kahee-ros')

the proper time. IMPLICATION (there will always be a better season, time, moment

convenientadj.

1. Suited or favorable to one's comfort, purpose, or wishes.
2. that which is easy or accessible. b. something or some time which is easier.

I Just can't glue those two things together

Is there ever a Convenient Time for Anything?

**LOOK WE'RE LATE
THAT'S NOT CONVENIENT**

**LOOK WE'RE EARLY
THAT'S NOT CONVENIENT**

LOOK, WE'RE ON TIME
THAT IS NOT CONVENIENT EITHER,
THAT MEANS WE'LL BE WAITING FOR WHO WILL BE LATE

GOD IS ALWAYS ON TIME

Time is Moving On to a Predetermined, Pre-Programmed Hour
Jesus was never in a hurry except in one area - the eternal question decision!

What is Convenient?

anything and or everything that isn't important

Hey Jesus - I read your book -
when are you going to the cross ?

Hey thanks for asking

- I was thinking, when it's convenient
- when the moment is Suited or favorable to my comfort, my purpose, and my wishes.
- a time when it will be the easiest for me...

3.) *Compromising the Truth of Christ*

vv. 26-27

Verse 26

Felix begins to look for a way out

- * **Conversed GRK 3656 homileo (hom-il-eh'-o)**
to be in company with another, to commune with by talking

B Felix Goes the way of humanity

TIME is Limited, You Have been Appointed a TIME

Daniel 5:25

"And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. :26 "This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; :27 "TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; :28 "PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to others.... :30 and That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylon, was killed!"

Drusilla she took a caravan and went to Pompeii on a shopping expedition of Pompeii's exotic markets and was consumed in the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius - Boiling water and Molten lava covered her up - What a burn, She was toast, After all, She was a flake

What must you do to beat the **H**eat ?

Grace & The Wealthy Apple Salesman;

There once was a man who was asked by the media.. How did you make your millions of dollars? Well said the man, if you must know. I was dirt poor once and while I was so poor I took my last nickel and bought an apple. And I polished that apple all night and in the morning it looked so beautiful that I was able to sell it for \$.10. Then I bought two apples. And polished them all night and in the morning they looked so beautiful that I was able to sell them for \$.20 Then I bought four apples. I polished them all night and in the morning they looked so beautiful that I was able to sell them for \$.40. Then I bought eight apples. I polished them all night and in the morning they looked so beautiful that I was able to sell them for... *and on I went until I made \$1.60... then my wife's dad died and left us a million dollars"*

- It's not of us, it's all of Him!!!

Are you Afraid of the Coming Judgment ?

**ARE YOU TREMBLING - THEN RESPOND NOW
WHILE YOU ARE ABLE**

1. The First Sexual Encounter Felt Terrible
2. The Second was awful
3. The Third was O.K.
4. The Fourth time was pretty cool
5. The Fifth was great
6. The sixth time was the best
7. I'm planning on pulling off the Seventh time - a seared conscience

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

"sounds like thunder to me"

"Sounds like an angel has spoken"

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is based upon how you receive it

Not Only is TIME running out for you
it is actually becoming a worse enemy daily.

With Every Rejection, it becomes easier
and easier to say no until, like pharaoh your heart will become deaf to the Spirit