

## Acceptable Sin?

One of Satan's strategies is to get us to compromise on sin. Do you ever think to yourself, "This isn't that bad a sin?" When we do that, we have compromised our faith. You may never actually say or think that a sin isn't very bad, but if you allow a sin to exist in your life you are still compromising with evil. Allowing any sin to prosper, even to exist, in your heart, mind, or behavior is a compromise with evil. It is you moving away from God.

The temptation to fit in with your non-Christian family and friends is great. But the only way we can fit in to our culture is to compromise spiritual truth, moral truth, or absolute truth. To compromise in any of these areas is sin.

Have you examined your life lately for sin? Look at the following passage.

*Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV) The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

You may not dabble in witchcraft, but is there someone you hate? You may not lose your temper when you are angry, but are you jealous of anyone for any reason?

You know witchcraft is sin, but do you allow yourself to harbor anger, hatred, jealousy, envy (envy of other churches)? Notice the end of the first sentence says "and the like". There are many sins with which we may compromise ourselves. Each of us has sins we need to confess and repent of. I urge you to do so weekly, if not daily. Saturday night or early Sunday morning, in preparation for group worship would be a good time. Or Sunday night would be a good time to prepare yourself spiritually for the coming week.

- pastor Robin