

The Great Controversy Series
When Compromise Forfeits The Promise
Chapter 16 - The Pilgrim Fathers
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First Jesuit Chaplain of the House of Representatives

Patrick J. Conroy, S.J., (born October 31, 1950) is a [Jesuit priest](#) who is serving as the 60th [Chaplain of the House of Representatives](#).

Patrick Conroy was unanimously confirmed by the House in 2011 and highly recommended by John Boehner majority leader of the house and minority leader Nancy Pelosi.

According to the [Catholic Sentinel](#), Boehner had positive memories of Jesuits during his time at [Xavier University](#), and so he decided he would like to have a Jesuit priest as the next House Chaplain. He consulted House Minority Leader [Nancy Pelosi](#), who "also knows and trusts Jesuits via the [University of San Francisco](#) and having sent her son to Georgetown." [Wikipedia – Patrick Conroy]

“Meet the Jesuit chaplain who prays for Congress. He could use your help.” January 10, 2017 by Jeremy Zipple, *America The Jesuit Review* [<https://www.americamagazine.org/house-chaplain/>]

“Congress has a majority leader and a minority leader who are both Catholic. Is their faith something that is important to them? Are they authentically Catholic so far as you know them?”

I [Patrick Conroy] would say that Paul Ryan and Nancy Pelosi are very serious about being Catholic and being the best Catholics they can be. I would say that's true of most members of Congress in terms of their religious and political positions.”

A picture says a thousand words...

Democrats, Republicans unite for emotional congressional baseball game day after Rep. Steve Scalise was shot a day before at the republican's baseball practice...

Patrick Conroy leads prayer in the middle of the circle standing while everyone is kneeling or bowing heading in reverence. It appears that they are bowing down to the Jesuit. This is a literally and symbolic representation of how papal Rome through Jesuit infiltration has total control and worship of the US government and all its three branches.

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Revelation 13:3-4

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Will you compromise TRUTH? Will you compromise with the BEAST! The pressure is on!

In these last days compromise is NOT an option for the true remnant of Jesus Christ. They hold on to ALL the commandments of God, the testimonies of Jesus, and ALL the instruction of God's word that leads us to the heavenly kingdom. Compromise forfeits the PROMISE.

Compromise ([dictionary.com](#)) **noun**

1. a settlement of differences by mutual concessions; an agreement reached by adjustment of conflicting or opposing claims, principles, etc., by reciprocal modification of demands.
Com (Latin root) – with. Compromise (agreement with promise).

Those who compromise God's truth, really don't know Jesus. They have failed to advance in the knowledge of Jesus and apply His words in their life. Compromisers are satisfied with an I and me religion. "Lord get me this or get me that." Compromisers study God's word on a "when I feel like it," or "when I find time." They are only "devotional" readers, instead of taking time to study and investigate God's Word. Compromiser fail to grow up in the likeness of Christ. They compare their spiritually to others instead of Jesus and Word.

All who compromise God's Word, His law, His grace, His TRUTH in the last days WILL worship the beast and his image and receive the mark of the beast!

Let continue to learn more lessons from history of from the protestant reformation. [Review the protestant map and its progression.]

The Pilgrim's Fathers

As the protestant reformation moved forward against the darkness of the Papal Roman Empire two classes of Protestantism began to emerge, the compromisers and true reformers. In the 1600's even though many protestants rejected the pope as their head, many compromised and held on to some of its doctrines and traditions. Why? Because they did not advance in the light of truth revealed in the Word of God. The compromisers followed human leaders of the reformation rather than the leader of God's one true church, Jesus Christ.

The Church Of England Compromisers of Truth

Remember King Henry VIII in the 1530's renounced the papal authority when they failed to annul his marriage with Catherine Aragon and started the Church of England in its place.

Rejected the supremacy of the papacy, held on to many of the same doctrines of the papacy. Instead of the pope the monarch of England was the head of the church.

The Church of England was a protestant state church. They acknowledged and kept some of the doctrines of the protestant reformation, but they also held on to many papal false doctrines.

Instead of advancing in the light that God revealed through His opened Word they decided to become compromisers of truth.

The Church of England did not allow religious freedom nor conscience to serve God out of the dictates of your heart.

Like Papal Rome, they had a prescribed religion. They forced the people to attend church and follow their doctrines. Those who refused where heavily fines, imprisoned, persecuted and many killed.

Puritans and Pilgrims of England – Compromise, NO!

A group of protestant believers who believed in the purity of God's Word that leads to a pure live through Jesus.

They viewed the Church of England as a compromised protestant church, even though the pope was not their leader.

In the 1600's the Church of England was determined for the Puritan group of God's people to compromise, but they refused!

“Many earnestly desired to return to the purity and simplicity which characterized the primitive church. They regarded many of the established customs of the English Church as monuments of idolatry, and they could not in conscience unite in her worship. But the church, being supported by the civil authority, would permit no dissent from her forms. Attendance upon her service was required by law, and unauthorized assemblies for religious worship were prohibited, under penalty of imprisonment, exile, and death.” GC – 290

The Puritans main goal was not to separate from the Church of England but reform it. The Pilgrims on the other hand were separatist. Later many Puritans also became separatist.

The Church of England become so hostile to the Puritans, they sought refuge to worship God in freedom in Holland.

For the sake for true religious freedom many Puritans and Pilgrims left their homes, property, and businesses.

Many set their sights on a NEW WORLD, which later became known as the United States of America.

Pastor Robinson’s Charge to advance in TRUTH!

John Robinson (1576 – 1625) was the [pastor](#) of the "[Pilgrim Fathers](#)" before they left on the [Mayflower](#). He became one of the early leaders of the English [Separatists](#) and is regarded (along with [Robert Browne](#)) as one of the founders of the [Congregational Church](#). - Wikipedia

John Robinson, their (puritan’s) pastor, who was providentially prevented from accompanying them, in his farewell address to the exiles said: {GC 291.3}

"Brethren, we are now erelong to part asunder, and the Lord knoweth whether I shall live ever to see your faces more. But whether the Lord hath appointed it or not, I charge you before God and His blessed angels to follow me no farther than I have followed Christ. If God should reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as ever you were to receive any truth of my ministry; for I am very confident the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of His holy word."--Martyn, vol. 5, p. 70. {GC 291.4}

"For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of the reformed churches, who are come to a period in religion, and will go at present no farther than the instruments of their reformation. The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw; . . . and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented; for though they were burning and shining lights in their time, yet they penetrated not into the whole counsel of God, but were they now living, would be as willing to embrace further light as that which they first received."--D. Neal, History of the Puritans, vol. 1, p. 269. {GC 292.1}

"Remember your church covenant, in which you have agreed to walk in all the ways of the Lord, made or to be made known unto you. Remember your promise and covenant with God and with one another, to receive whatever light and truth shall be made known to you from His written word; but withal, take heed, I beseech you, what you receive for truth, and compare it and weigh it with other scriptures of truth before you accept it; for it is not possible the Christian world should come so lately out of such thick antichristian darkness, and that full perfection of knowledge should break forth at once."--Martyn, vol. 5, pp. 70, 71. (GC – 291 - 292)

The New World

Through God providence He led many such as the Puritans and Pilgrims to a land over about 4000 miles plus across the ocean from Europe, the “Old World” to the New World, which was later known as the United States of America.

Many came to the new world to for religious freedom, but of course their were others who came from selfish reasons to exploit the resources and people of the land.

Despite the various reasons why people took the 4000 mile trip across the Atlantic ocean, God set up a place far from the shores and influence of Papal Rome and the Church of England that will allow His full truth of His Word to shine in its complete and marvelous light.

For centuries religion was dictated by a monarch at the time many Puritans and Pilgrims crossed the sea to the New World.

Puritans Colonies in New World

Overtime the Puritans established colonies in the northeast part of the United States, current day Massachusetts.

In order to keep their colonies “pure and free from corruption” they required that all government officials to be a part of the Puritan church. Those who refused were not allow to serve in the government.

The Puritans lack the true concept of religious freedom. Overtime they had the same extent intolerant spirit like the Church of England and Papal Rome. The Puritans became persecutors.

Roger Williams

Born in 1603 in London, England

Puritan minister who also became a separatist came to America and settled in a Puritan colony

He outwardly disagreed with the puritan colony’s lack of true religious freedom and true worship. Williams saw forced worship as forced hypocrisy!

“He [Roger Williams] declared it to be the duty of the magistrate to restrain crime, but never to control the conscience. "The public or the magistrates may decide," he said, "what is due from man to man; but when they attempt to prescribe a man's duties to God, they are out of place, and there can be no safety; for it is clear that if the magistrates has the power, he may decree one set of opinions or beliefs today and another tomorrow; as has been done in England by different kings and queens, and by different popes and councils in the Roman Church; so that belief would become a heap of confusion."--Martyn, vol. 5, p. 340. {GC 293.1}

Williams was kicked out of the Puritan colonies because of his views in the dead of winter.

To avoid arrest by any of the Puritan colonies Williams traveled in the wilderness, but God was with this treasurer of true religious freedom in the midst of harsh and uncertainty.

"For fourteen weeks," he says, "I was sorely tossed in a bitter season, not knowing what bread or bed did mean." But "the ravens fed me in the wilderness," and a hollow tree often served him for a shelter.--Martyn, vol. 5, pp. 349, 350. Thus he continued his painful flight through the snow and the trackless forest, until he found refuge with an Indian tribe whose confidence and affection he had won while endeavoring to teach them the truths of the gospel. {GC 294.3}

God’s Architect of True Religious Freedom and Rhode Island

Eventually, Roger Williams made his way to the shores of Rhode Island

Roger Williams established a colony known as “**Providence Plantation**” which eventually known as Rhode Island.

It was the providence of God that establish a new powerful form of government without a pope or king!

Williams new style of government separated church and state. A government for the people and by the people that was NOT dictated by any one religion. A government that believe that ALL people had the right of conscience and liberty to worship without the interference of state government. Many settlers flocked to Roger Williams Providence Plantation (Rhode Island) for it new style of government that was later adopted and established by the framers of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

“In that grand old document which our forefathers set forth as their bill of rights--the Declaration of Independence--they declared: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And the Constitution guarantees, in the most explicit terms, the inviolability of conscience: "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."”
GC – 295

Many flocked the shores of America from many reasons, but it was a place of refuge for many who came to a new county with NO POPE or KING, thanks to the boldness and uncompromising pastor, Roger Williams.

Compromised Protestantism 1800's

After America won the Revolutionary war and freedom from England, it began to flourish and prosper. It began to grow mightily. Many including protestants became caught up in the greed of making money and acquiring land.

Greedy protestants twisted the Word and compromised truth for money and land. Some got involved in the heinous African slave trade.

Even though Bible became more plenteous without the interference of the papacy Satan was able to distract the masses of protestant away from the truth of God's Word.

Many protestants reformers in America around the beginning and mid 1800's were dead spiritually because they neglected to advance in God's Word. They grew cold, dark, and dead spiritually.

Instead of Reformation and transformation, many Protestant in America conformed to the patterns of the world in pursuit of the “American Dream.”

“Therefore religion again degenerated into formalism; and errors and superstitions which would have been cast aside had the church continued to walk in the light of God's word, were retained and cherished. Thus the spirit inspired by the Reformation gradually died out, until there was almost as great need of reform in the Protestant churches as in the Roman Church in the time of Luther. There was the same worldliness and spiritual stupor, a similar reverence for the opinions of men, and substitution of human theories for the teachings of God's word.”
{GC 297.2}

“Seeing the failure of his efforts to crush out the truth by persecution, Satan had again resorted to the plan of compromise which led to the great apostasy and the formation of the Church of Rome. He had induced Christians to ally themselves, not now with pagans, but with those who, by their devotion to the things of this world, had proved themselves to be as truly idolaters as were the worshipers of graven images. And the results of this union were no less pernicious now than in former ages; pride and extravagance were fostered under the guise of religion, and the churches became corrupted. Satan continued to pervert the doctrines of the Bible, and traditions that were to ruin millions were taking deep root. The church was upholding and defending these traditions, instead of contending for "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Thus were degraded the principles for which the Reformers had done and suffered so much.” {GC 298.2}

Will you compromise even with the FULL LIGHT of God's Word before you?

Why do professors of God's TRUTH compromise God's TRUTH?

Professor of God's TRUTH are not TRANSFORMED in God's Truth. They are not transformed with the mind of Christ and His Word of Truth, because they fail to study and apply God's Word in their daily lives. Instead of being possessed with the Holy Spirit they are still possessed with the demons of Hollywood, Disney, All My Children, Emperor, Dancing with the Stars, NBA, and NFL. They are I pleasers and like to "sit the bench" of spiritual inactivity!

Why did God's people of Israel compromise truth? What are some lessons we learn after Joshua's death.

What did God tell his people not to do?

Judges 2:1-3

1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And ye shall **make no league** with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

What was the result as the leadership continue to teach TRUTH with NO compromise?

Judges 2:7

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

What happened when the leadership compromised and failed to train and teach was explicitly taught by God in the law and the testimonies?

Judges 2:10-13

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

Compromise with the world and failure to train the youth in the truth will produce a great harvest of compromisers. This is how ALL professor of truth go from true worship to a false worship. Rejection of truth is the produce of compromise at the leadership level. Compromise forfeits the promise!

Hundred's of years later at the time of Jesus did Israel totally reform in the way of TRUTH? NO. The leadership continued to compromise and it continued to get worst not better.

What is a key lesson that we MUST never forget?

A compromised leadership will lead to a compromised and apostate church!

What is the purpose of church leadership ordained by God?

Ephesians 4:11-15

- 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [church leaders]
- 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

This is it. Period. There is not other purpose for church leadership. The church leadership is NOT to be a champion of worldliness and covetousness. They are not to be entertainers or comedians. True church leadership only lead people to Jesus Christ and NOT themselves. As Christ taught, they are servants, NOT KINGS! They DO NOT compromise TRUTH! PERIOD! True leadership also don't ignore other leadership within the church who compromise and apostatize. **True leadership are NOT turtles, they are soldiers.** They did not hide in the midst apostasy and compromise they FIGHT for the everlasting gospel!

What unifies and organizes the church body and its leadership? Is it General Conference president, vice presidents, division leaders, secretaries, etc? NO! NO! NO!

John 17:15-22

- 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
- 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
- 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.
- 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
- 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Jesus and HIS WHOLE TRUTH from the Word of God is the ONLY thing that unifies the true people of God together. There is NO compromise in this UNITY!

God's true leadership leads ALL people to the true Spiritual kingdom of God in which Jesus Christ is the head. The main message is the same message of Jesus Christ "repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. (Matthew 3:2)"

All those abiding in Christ and Christ in them will one day soon be residents in the physical kingdom of God.

If you find that the leadership of ANY local physical church or conference has compromised God's truth and has formed ecumenical relationships with the beast of Revelation and has made concessions with the LGBT movement, spiritualism, and worldliness what does the Bible instruct you to do?

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

- 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

"They that forsake the law praise the wicked." Proverbs 28:4. When those who are uniting with the world, yet claiming great purity, plead for union with those who have ever been the opposers of the cause of truth, we should fear and shun them as decidedly as did Nehemiah. Such counsel is prompted by the enemy of all good. It is the speech of timeservers, and should be resisted as resolutely today as then. Whatever influence would tend to unsettle the faith of God's people in His guiding power, should be steadfastly withstood." , Ellen White, Prophets and Kings - 660

Remember compromise leads to compromise and then full blown apostasy.

"The religion which is current in our day is not of the pure and holy character that marked the Christian faith in the days of Christ and His apostles. It is only because of the spirit of compromise with sin, because the great truths of the word of God are so indifferently regarded, because there is so little vital godliness in the church, that Christianity is apparently so popular with the world. Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled." GC - 48

"We have far more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world." Selected Messages Volume 1, p. 122

Should you EVER compromise for the sake of peace?

"Shortly before His crucifixion Christ had bequeathed to His disciples a legacy of peace. "Peace I leave with you," He said, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. This peace is not the peace that comes through conformity to the world. Christ never purchased peace by compromise with evil. The peace that Christ left His disciples is internal rather than external and was ever to remain with His witnesses through strife and contention." Acts of the Apostles p. 84

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"Our advice is to make friends to followers of all religions."

The SDA Corporate church as joined this ecumenical movement. [Picture: Diop with the papacy]. They have made "friends" and compromised God's truth with the beast and image of the beast!

Remember anyone who compromises TRUTH will worship the BEAST and HIS IMAGE.

Rev 13:3, 8 - 8 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

You don't have to compromise and wonder and worship the beast!

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped

the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Now is NOT the time to compromise, but to stay connected to Jesus Christ through His WORD.

Appeal: You have an individual work to do!