

Paul in 2 Cor. 6:14-17 says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion has light with darkness, . . . what agreement has the temple of God with idols . . . wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord . . ." These are orders that we should be on our guard.

There is a good analogy in any organization we become the members of. We need to be on our watch. There is the analogy of a fire breaking out in a building. What should you do? Try to put it out. Do the best you can to put it out. Don't just turn your back and ignore it. Put it out if you can. If you can't put it out, get out. Spurgeon was a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. He, 80 years ago, left that body. Other good Christians remonstrated with him. They said, there are many fine Christians in this Baptist Union. Why do you go out and leave them?" He said, The leadership has come into the hands of those who deny the Word of God. I have practiced all my life to prevent the entrance of unbelief in every way I can, but once it gains control of the leadership, I do not argue, I simply get out."

We cannot compromise with denial of the fundamental beliefs of Scripture. This is one of the great wiles of Satan to lead Christians into compromise with unbelievers.

I want to call your attention to other wiles of Satan that are also important, very important. I think one of the greatest of these is putting secondary matters first! I think separation from unbelief is a very vital thing, very important. Some years ago I heard of a man who said, Separation is so important that it is more important than leading souls to a knowledge of Christ."