

## Apostasy-Fellowship-

**A** Clergyman was called upon to conduct the funeral service of a young woman who had died suddenly, her name was Mary.

When enquiring of Mary's local Mission worker, whether Mary was a Christian, he noticed a painful expression in his eyes. The mission worker explained, three weeks ago, I felt a prompting of the Holy Spirit, to go and speak with Mary, but I did not. The mission worker looked very sad.

The clergyman also spoke to Mary's Sunday schoolteacher, enquiring again, Was Mary a Christian? The Sunday school teacher replied, two weeks ago, I felt prompted to speak to Mary, about her eternal future, but I did not she too turned away sad.

The clergyman then asked Mary's Mother, was Mary a Christian? Mary's Mother replied, A week ago, I felt a prompting of the Holy Spirit, to speak to Mary about her soul, but I did not. There were tears in her eyes as she turned away.

Three times the Holy Spirit prompted people to speak to Mary, three times they failed to do so. Was Mary a Christian? Perhaps there is someone, near and dear to you, who needs to hear the Gospel. If there is you had better go and speak with them now!

Behold, now is the day of Salvation.

2 Corinthians 6 v 2b

Will you ask them the question, Are you born again? Have you met with Jesus ?

Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 9 v 1

What a joy it must have been to Ananias, when he saw the scales fall from Saul's eyes. Saul had received his sight, and was filled with the Holy Ghost, then was immediately baptised in water.

In later years as Ananias heard of the preaching of Paul all over the world, the miracles, the healing's, the conversions of so many souls, I guess he was glad, with exceeding joy, that he obeyed the Lord. He had accomplished his mission.

God has arranged many a Divine appointments as we walk with the Lord and are sensitive to the prompting's of the Holy Spirit. When we obey in the spirit of faith God will give us marvellous encouragement for obedience.

### **The Cliff Edge**

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,. Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here I am; send me. Isaiah 6 v 8

“And rose up and thrust him out of the city, and led him to the brow of a hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way”.

Luke 4 v 29/30

At Beachy Head; in Eastbourne in East Sussex there is high cliff with a vertical drop of 500 feet to the rocks and sea below. Many folks throw themselves off the cliff every year, desperate people whom the devil is seeking to destroy, folks without faith and hope, destitute of love! Job said, “My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope”.

Job 7 v 6

The cliff edge can be a dangerous place, erosion can take place and although the ground looks to be safe and secure, yet it can fall away in a moment of time. Rock falls are a hazard to those walking below.

I find that in the Christian walk the Lord test our faith to the very limit, as it were to the edge of the cliff. It seems at times that we are just about to fall over the edge when the Lord intervenes and saves us.

Hopefully we learn the lesson and often realise that our faith is not as strong as we thought.

E'paph'ro'di'tus, was recommended to the Philippian church with a high testimonial from Paul. He was a fellow labourer in the Lord. We are fellow workers together with the Lord. Look at this. "Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: Because of the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service towards me". Phil 2 v 29

E'paph'ro'di'tus brought goods from the church. This was precious to Paul and precious to God. Paul said, "I have all, and abound: I am full having received of E'paph'ro'di'tus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God".

**Philippians 4 v 18**

He was nigh unto death for the work of Christ. Isn't that amazing !

He was, had been a very sick man. He was nigh unto death. "But God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow".

**Philippians 2 v 27**

I remember when I was having heart problems, with many tests at the Hospital. The Lord spoke to me through his word. "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord"

**Psalms 118 v 17**

How kind and gracious the Lord is! Yes we get sick but the Lord is our healer. This sickness is not unto death. I remember, when I was having heart problems, how the Lord assured me with these words, "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord". **Psalms 118 v 17**

Jesus is our divine physician. Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise up with wings as eagles. Yes, God is practical too, "Drink no longer water but use a little wine for stomach's sake, and thine oft infirmities.

**1 Timothy 5 v 23**

At the scene of a motor accident many people will stop and ask, "Can I help"? I ask myself, Am I a helper?

Paul could also recommend, O'n-e-siph'o'rus, "for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: But when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me".

That which was lost was found. Had contact been lost with Paul ? He was in prison and it was unknown where the authorities were keeping him.

However one man determined to find out. One man sought and found him, yet more, he ministered to Paul in the necessary things. Paul could pray, "The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and how in many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well".

2 Timothy 1 v 16/18

It was the women who "Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Jo'ses the mother of Zeb'e'dee's children, they were also helpers and ministered unto the Lord. And many women were there (at the cross) beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee ministering unto him".

Matthew 27 v 55

### **When we are saved it is a first step**

The seed of the Holy Spirit has quickened our Spirit and we become alive to the things of God

We are not saved eternally because of the following

The parable of the sower sets out the 4 types of soil or four types of heart

#### **1/ Way side Hard ground = Hard heart**

The devil come immediately to snatch away the seed sown  
Result No fruit

#### **2/ The stony ground= Word received**

but when the sun gets hot the seedling dies=Persecution  
Result no fruit

### **3/ Thorns and Thistles= This word is received with great Joy**

But the cares of this life the deceitfulness of riches comes in and the word is choked and dies.

Result no Fruit

### **4/ Good ground. Heart open to receive all from God = Good soil/**

Brings forth Fruit 30 fold 60 Fold 100 Fold

Jesus said : Ye will know them by their fruits

Without fruit The branch ( a Christian) although it resembles a Christian is cut off and burnt in the fire. Read John 15 v 1- 8

Note **the only way to bear fruit is to Abide in Jesus....**

### **Learn the lessons of the Seed**

All seed needs to be planted in Good soils and nurtured

If the seed planted is neglected it will soon wither and die.

When a person accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, repenting of their sins they then have two natures The old Adamic nature ruled by Satan and the New Spiritual nature ruled by the Spirit of God in Christ Jesus.

### **These two natures are at war....**

The person is now receiving two signals .

One from the old nature and one from the new nature. Read all of Romans 6

Then 2 Corinthians 2 v 14-16

Then Romans 8 v 35 to 39

Then the rewards to Overcomers!!!! Rev Chapter 2 and Chapter 3

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The following Scriptures point to the awfulness of Apostasy.

That is falling away and growing cold. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, 1 Timothy 4 v 1

Please study the following and realise that the only answer to apostasy is Judgment.....

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom therefore it make healthy Christians as they realise that neglecting prayer and fellowship with Jesus means the fire of love in their hearts goes out, they grow cold, lose their testimony and are like the virgins in the parable.

The door will be shut because they have no oil. **Matthew 25 v 6-10**

They in the Words of Scripture a form of Godliness ( they go to church reads their Bible and pray ( formally) but they do not have any relationship with Jesus Christ They are just religious.

## Apostasy

Sin wilfully	<b>Hebrews 10 v 26</b>
Draw back;	<b>Hebrews 10 v 38</b>
make shipwreck;	<b>1 Timothy 1 v 19</b>
reprobate;	<b>2 Timothy 3 v 18</b>
Depart from the faith;	<b>1 Timothy 4 v 1</b>
Shall not inherit;	<b>Galatians 5 16/19</b>

No inheritance

Wrath on disobedience.

**Ephesians 5 v 5**

I myself am cast away;

**1 Corinthians 9 v 27**

lest he fall.

**1 Corinthians 10 v 12**

but fear lest he spare not thee.

**Romans 11 v 21**

Warn the righteous man he shall die in his sins.

**Ezekiel 3 v 21**

No liar shall enter

**1 John 2 v 4**

If we say we have no sin We lie

**1 John 1 v 6**

walk in darkness . we lie

**1 John 1 v 9**

Israel carcasses fell in wilderness;

**Hebrews 3 v 17**

Enemies who walk.

**Philippines 3 v 18**

who's end is to be burned

**Hebrews 6 v 7/8**

Impossible to renew

**Hebrews 6 v 4**

Not blot out his name from book;

**Revelation 3 v 5**

latter end is worse;

**2 Peter 2 v 20**

branch with no fruit burned;

**John 15 v 6**

Temple defiled God will destroy;

**1 Timothy 3 v 17**

They were not of us;

**1 John 2 v 19**

Seven other spirits worse; **Matthew 11 v 43/45**

Destroyed believed not; **Jude 1 v 5**

No man looking back is fit for the Kingdom; **Luke 9 v 62**

Iniquity abounds love of many will grow cold; **Matthew 24 v 12**

Not every Lord, Lord, depart from me. **Matthew 7 v 21**

Those who did not obey Gospel; **2 Thessalonians 1 v 8**

lest any man fall **Hebrews 4 v 11**

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**1 John 1:3**

Enoch walked with God and was not, for God took him. **Genesis 5:24**

In His presence there is fullness of joy and at his right hand are pleasure  
for evermore. **Psalm 16 v 11**

Isaiah saw the Lord, He was high and lifted up and His train filled the  
temple. **Isaiah 6 v 1**

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. **James 4 v 8**

Jesus. Come unto me all ye who labour heavy laden. **Matthew 11 v 28**

Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfil the desires of the flesh.  
**Galatians 5 v 16**

Moses was with God forty days and forty nights. **Exodus 34 v 28**

Prayed earnestly that it would not rain; did not rain for three and half  
years. **James 5 v 17**

Elijah went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the brook – Cherith. **1 Kings 17 v 5**  
Did he pray Did he talk with God

Daniel had visions of God. **Daniel 1 v 17**

Isaac meditated in the evening. **Genesis 24 v 63**

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **1 Corinthians 1 v 9**

Always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **2 Corinthians 5 v 6**

Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His saints. **Psalms 116 v 15**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **Matthew 5 v 8**

The joy of the Lord is your strength. **Nehemiah 8 v 10**

Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusts in thee. **Isaiah 26 v 3**

Ezekiel had visions; **Ezekiel 24 v 24**

If we walk in the light as He is in the light; **1 John 1 v 7**

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanses us from all sin. **1 John 1 v 7**