

# Apostasy

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What does the Spirit say?

**2 Tim 4 v 1.**

*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. Many mature Christians believe that we are living in the last days with all the signs of the times evident around us.*

**Rev 3 v 5.** The Lord Jesus (speaking to the churches) said, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life."

This shows us clearly that **it is possible for names to be deleted.** Names that have already been written in the Lamb's book of Life

## The danger of sinning wilfully!

**Hebrews 10 v 26.** For if we sin wilfully, after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

After **we have received** indicates that these are believers.

**Hebrews 10 v 29.** "Wherewith he was sanctified".

**Can there be an un sanctified believer?**

**Hebrews 10 v 39.** Teaches us that there are some

"Who will draw back unto perdition".

**Luke 9 v 62.** Jesus said

**No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God**

## The Impossibility

*Hebrews 6 v 4*

This scripture tells of the impossibility, of those who were

**1/once enlightened**

**2/ and have tasted the heavenly gift,**

**3/ and were partakers of the Holy Ghost**

**4/ who have tasted the good word of God**

**5/ and the powers of the world to come, if they should fall away...**

**It is impossible to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame.**

## How awful apostasy is!!

2 Peter 2 20

"For if, after they have escaped the pollution's of this world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they had know it, to turn from the Holy Commandments delivered unto them.

John 15 v 5

The branch that beareth not fruit is gathered and burned.

Christians are those branches abiding I the vine! God requires fruit!

Hebrews 6 v 7/8 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs, meet for them buy whom it is dressed receiveth blessing from God.. But them which beareth thorns and briers is rejected and is nigh unto cursing, who's end is to be burned.

In the parable of the Sower, the Lord Jesus tells us that some seed falls among thorns and thistles and it chokes the Word.. The cares and deceitfulness of riches choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful

Math 13 v 22

The wheat and tares look alike, and grow together until the harvest. The tares are gathered and burned.

The test of Christianity is fruit, for by their fruits ye shall know them..

## The Danger of Falling

1 Cor 10 v 12.

Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall

Hebrews 4 v 11

Let us (Christians) therefore labour to enter into that rest, **Lest any man fall**, after the same example of unbelief.

## The Need for Total Obedience

Mathew 7 v 21

Not everyone that sayeth to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father.....

1 John 2 v 4

He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him.

2 Thess 1 v 8.

When the Lord Jesus comes in flaming fire he will take vengeance on them that know not God and obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of our Lord.

Math 7 v 29

And every one that heareth these words of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand and the rain came and the wind blew and beat upon the house and great was the fall of it.

### A warning to preachers

The Apostle Paul said, I keep my body under and bring it unto subjection, lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be cast away. 1 Cor 9 v 27

### A warning to the righteous man

Ezekiel 3 v 20

When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die, **Romans 11 v 21**

**Be not high minded but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee**

### A warning to liars!

1 John 1 v 6

If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

1 John 1 v 9

He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even till now

### Some disciples who walked away

John 6 v 66 And from that time many of the disciples went back and walked no more with Him...

Phil 3 v 18 "For many walk of whom I have told you often and tell you now even weeping that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ"

Luke 9 v 62

Jesus plainly stated, "That no man, having put his hand to the plough looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Jude 1 v 5

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, How the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not

Heb 3 v 19

That they could not enter because of unbelief...

### Danger of false apostles and deceitful workers

Many will say unto me in that day, **Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works,** and then I will profess to them, **I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity.** Math 7 v 22

And no marvel; for Satan is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Cor 11 v 14  
And many false prophets shall arise and deceive many. Math 24 v 11

1 John 4 v 1... Beloved believe not every spirit whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world

### Last days- Endurance required

Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall grow cold but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Math 24 v 12

In the last days, if it were possible, "Even the very elect would be deceived. Math 24 v 24

### Faith required

Now the just shall live by faith, but if **any man draw back, my souls shall have no pleasure in him.** Hebrews 10 v 8

Holding faith and a good conscience, **which some having put away concerning faith, have made shipwreck.** 1 Tim 1 v 19

Folk's who are ever learning and never come to a knowledge of the truth, **are reprobate concerning the faith.** 2 Tim 3 v 8

But Christ as a son over his own house, who's house are we, "**If we hold fast, the confidence** and the rejoicing of the hope firm, **unto the end.** Hebrews 3 v 6

For we are made then partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence, steadfast unto the end.** Hebrews 3 v 14

See that you refuse him not that speaketh, for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more **shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.**

Hebrews 12 v 25

But with many of them God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 1 Cor 10 v 5

Math 12 v 43/45

When an unclean spirit is gone out of a man, and he walketh in dry places seeking rest and findeth none. Then said he, "I will return to my house from whence he is come, and findeth it empty swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh with him seven, more spirits wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worst than the first.

## God's warning to the brethren.

Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Heb 3 v 12

2 Peter 3 v 17

Ye therefore beloved seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also be away with the error of the wicked, **fall from your own steadfastness.**

### Lessons from Esau

Who sold his birthright for a morsels of meat. For ye know that afterward, **when he would have inherited the blessing,** he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

## Serious warnings in God's Word for believers

If any man defile the temple him God will **destroy;** for the temple of God is holy, **which temple ye are!**  
1 Cor 3 v 17.

Also; Hebrews 12 v 14.

**Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.**

Paul declared.

## **Paul prays that our bodies would be preserved blameless**

1 Thessalonians 5 v 23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

2 Peter 3 v 14

**Also addressed to the beloved! Wherefore beloved seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.**

## **We must hold fast to our faith**

Hebrews 4 v 14

Seeing then, that we have not a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God let us hold fast our profession.

Jesus said. Behold I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev 3 v 11

Therefore brethren, Stand fast hold fast the traditions which ye have been taught whether by word or by our epistle. 2 Thess 2 v 15

**I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Tim 4 v 7**

God promises to rewards those who are faithful in a few things. The lesson of the parable of the talents is surely that we must bring forth fruit. Without fruit the servant is cast out and there shall be a weeping and a wailing and a gnashing of teeth. Math 13

## **To those who overcome?**

Why must we overcome if there is no danger of losing our salvation!

**No we must press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus**  
Phil 3 v 14