

Warning Against Apostasy

Apostasy is the subtle deviation from the truth (faith), paying attention instead to deceitful and seductive spirits and doctrine of demons. It is the rejection of Christ by one who used to be a Christian. It's when one who confessed Jesus as his savior go back on his words and denounces Christ as his savior.

"Apostasy is simply the abandonment of faith. "

The goal of this teaching is to enlighten believers (the church) about this errors in the body of Christ, in order to strengthen the body of Christ knowing this truth. And also to lead those who are victims of this error back to the faith in Christ.

Jesus has warned us dearly about apostasy Hebrew 6:4-8 talked about those who have Christ and tasted the gifts of the heavenly realm, and has received the Holy Spirit, and feasted on the good Word of God but have fallen. It said they've re-crucified Jesus! They've repudiated him in public! . Apostasy is a great sin before God because in His sight, the one who commits this sin is crucifying Jesus for the second time.

THE TRUTH: 1 Timothy 4:1 talks about the principles of Christ, the full gospel(balanced doctrine) revealed by the Holy Spirit in which we must be saved. The truth also talks about the Grace of the Lord Jesus, the Love of God, the fellowship (koinonia) of the Holy Spirit and the application of our faith towards the Grace through the finished work of Christ.

THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS: Talks about the imbalanced in doctrine preached, the doctrine (deception) of satan himself carried out to the hearts of men by demons, diluted truth, beguile and lure using lustful desires of men (sensuality), those who barely escape from the ones living in error.

The gospel of Grace (Ephesians 2:8), the word of faith (Romans 10:7), the gospel of Holiness (Heb 12:14), the gospel of prosperity, the gospel of power and charismatic move of the Spirit (Acts 1:8, 2:1, Matthew 10:1), the kingdom and other gospel preached are not meant to stand on their own, but to compliment each other. The imbalance is if we take one out of these gospel preached and establish a doctrine only centered on it, without recognizing the fact that each of this doctrine will lead us into error, if it is not balanced with the full gospel.

"The Gospel is balanced when it is complete"

Rich people hate the gosple of holiness because they are not clean, anointed people hate teaching on character, poor people hate prosperity gospel, those with good character hate teaching on the charismatic move of the Holy Spirit... All these causes imbalance in the body of Christ.

It is true that everything we need or will ever need has been provided for us but the bible says they are in heavenly places in Christ, so we must study the principles to access them one of which is through our faith. It is not the will of God that we remain poor as children of God because the bible says in 3 John 1:2;

God is not glorified when we are poor or when we do not have true prosperity. We are not citizens of this world, Yes, but we have been restored back to dominate, subdue this earth. We must work to establish the kingdom of God on earth and not be subdued.

Some misinterpret at eternal salvation really is, that preach that when we are saved we do not need to do anything to keep us in righteousness i.e. a man believe in the Christ, he is saved but still goes around drinking thinking it doesn't matter with the ideology that whatever he does, he is not committing sin against his spirit. The end product of our faith on earth is the saving of our soul that's why we need to keep renewing our mind (beholding the word) so we gradually become transformed to the image of Christ (Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18). If after new birth we don't need to do any other thing on earth then as soon as we give our life to Christ, we should have leaved this world and go to be with God.

Some don't even believe that there are demon spirit operating on earth. That after new birth we do not still need to work out our salvation (Philippians 2:12). Being born again is the first form of deliverance but that's not all because when we are saved, the part of us that is saved is our spirit, our spirit man is renewed, transformed. our physical body do not change, our mindsets doesn't change completely. At new birth, we receive the life of Christ in our spirit but we need to walk in it. subjecting our soul to our spirit, so the end product of this will lead to the saving (salvation) of our soul (1 peter 1:9).

The bible according to the account of Luke says (Luke 8:7, 14)The seeds that fell among thorns, that they go on their way, which means they believe in Christ, which led to their salvation but the issue is that they are suffocated with the anxieties, riches and pleasures of this life so they bring no fruit to maturity.

"The product of the maturity of a tree is that it produces fruits"

These group of people wants to serve two masters, they want to be on the fence, they want to hold on to their pleasures and still walk with God. Don't be deceived, it is not possible to be light and darkness at the same time, you cannot serve God and mammon at the same time. You must choose between God between light or darkness. Riches is good, prosperity is good in fact God is not glorified when we are poor (3 John 1:2, Jeremiah 29:11). But we must not let those things take the place of God in our life, they will fit in later (Matthew 6:33).

Apostasy is an error from the pit of hell.it is the deviaton from the truth (word of God).2 timothy 3:1-7 talked about it in details(the signs of the end time). As we all know the end is near and Satan wants to depopulate the kingdom of God and increase his own that's why he his bringing things of the flesh for people to lust over it and decrease the love we have for God.The challenges we are facing is not to draw us back to the world but to make us stand firm in Christ.If there is nothing pursuing us at least we as a believer we have something we are aiming at which is to reign with Christ and to take as much people as possible with us before his throne. Let our focus be Christ.

Causes Of Apostasy

1. Imbalanced Doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Timothy 3)

Just like we discussed in the introductory part of this article, believing just one part of the gospel will lead you into error, have a solid conviction about the full gospel, understanding the right way of application.

2. Deception/False Doctrine (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9, 2 Peter 2:1-22)

The devil and his agents are now deceiving people, both believers and unbelievers with diluted truth. For some their salvation was based on this. Nowadays we have false pastors, teachers who believe the church is a business organization, they collect tithes and offerings as their profits, so they steal from God thinking they are earning salary. There are also some set of people who enjoy a doctrine that does not counter their love for pleasures, so they engage themselves in worldly things and come back to church, giving offerings, some even pay tithes as if God is collecting bribe for their iniquity. Obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22-24). The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

3. Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God (2 Timothy 3:4, 2 Peter 2:14-15)

This is the most common cause of Apostasy in the body of Christ today. People like being sensual, carnal. To be carnal means to be governed by the 'five' senses. Anything they can see and handle is what they keep pursuing. They transact their soul for prosperity. They fulfill the desires of their flesh and their mind (Ephesians 2:3).

"The end result of going against the purpose of God is destruction"

4. Lack of love for God (Luke 13:26-27)

This is the foundational cause of apostasy. When the love of many wax cold, they are easily deceived. Their love towards God is not sufficient enough. That's why we need to keep building our relationship with God through our love for God. They claim they love God but in reality they don't, they are lovers of themselves more than lovers of God.

5. Trials and Temptations (James 1:2-4; 12-14, Luke 8:13, Matthew 24:10-13)

Trials are meant to test our faith, check if we are firmly standing, but many fall because they are not rooted in Christ. The devil uses temptation as a tool to cause believers to fall, leading them away from the path in these last days. If the devil causes us to fall we must stand up immediately, don't feel condemned (Romans 8:1). It is how deep we are rooted in Christ that determines how far (tall) we will grow.

Agents of Apostasy

The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity and working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs and delusive marvels—[all of them] lying wonders— 2 Thessalonians 2:9 (AMP)

The agents of Apostasy are false prophets, false teachers, demon spirit and the spirit of the antichrist. The devil uses false prophets and false teachers to mislead people through the presence of the spirit of the antichrist. This deception is then fortified in the hearts of men through the presence of demon spirits.

"The spirit of Apostasy is the spirit of the antichrist."

The Beast from the sea in Revelations 13 is the antichrist. The source of it's power is revealed in Revelation 13:2

"The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority"

The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority with the purpose of waging war against the saint and deceiving those who are not yet saved. The second beast (Revelation 13:11-18),

11. Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.

12. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

13. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people.

14. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

The beast from the earth are false prophets. Notice, the Bible says they (false prophets) exercise all the authority of the first beast when they are together. False prophets are Carriers of the spirit of apostasy. They perform great signs, even making fire fall from the sky to the earth right before people's eyes causing them to be deceived because of the signs which is given by satan to perform in the presence of the first beast (antichrist).

The Final Judgement

The Bible didn't leave us in the dark about the destruction of the devil and his agents. false prophets and teachers will not go unpunished, they all will be hurled alive into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20);

"And the beast was seized and overpowered, and with him the false prophet who in his presence had worked wonders and performed miracles by which he led astray those who had accepted or permitted to be placed upon them the stamp (mark) of the beast and those who paid homage and gave divine honors to his statue. Both of them were hurled alive into the fiery lake that burns and blazes with brimstone." (AMP)

The way out of this is returning back to God. Because the end of such a person will be worst than the beginning, so it is better not to fall victim of this error because the way out of it is very slim it takes God's mercy to help such individual (2 Peter 2:20).

Solutions to Apostasy

Humble yourself before God,ask for mercy and just go back to Jesus.

Always abide in God. (John15:6)

The love of God should dwell richly in your heart (Mark 12:33)

Don't just listen to the Word of God and not respond to it, for that is the essence of self-deception.
Always be a doer of God's word. (James 1:22)

Be Spiritually contious always.(Romans 8:6)

In conclusion,Apostasy is something we need to desist from.Because the more we get ourselves involved in it the more we keep on crucifying Christ.For this Christ suffered and died. How shall we not embrace Him as our Love and treasure?. (1John 4:10 TPT) says This is love: He loved us long before we loved him. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.

If you would like to Give your life to Christ or rededicate your life back to God. I bring you the good news that Christ was a propitiation for our sins.say this after me "Lord Jesus, i believe that you died to save me from my sins,I accept you into my life as my Lord and Personal Saviour. Write my name in the book of life ,Take all of me Lord and let your name be glorified in Jesus name (Amen)."

If you have done this sincerely, I rejoice with you,you're now Saved.[For counselling or if you have any question, contact us via counselling@newbirthminds.com or via our Facebook page [@newbirthminds](https://www.facebook.com/newbirthminds) .
God Bless You, Amen.

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