Galatians Lesson 10 David

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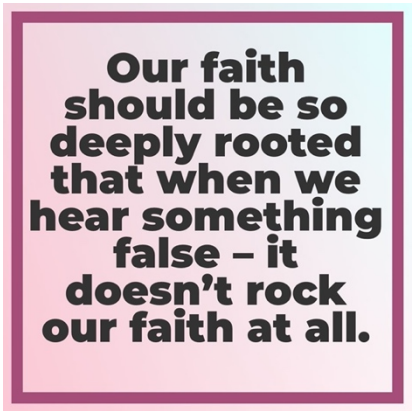
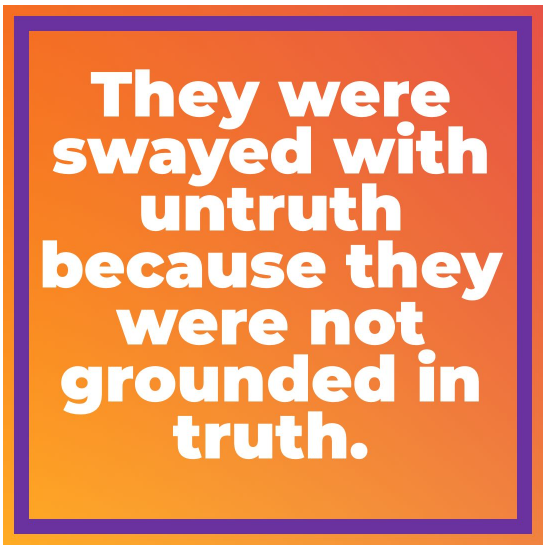
Colossians 2:6–8 (HCSB)
6 Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith…





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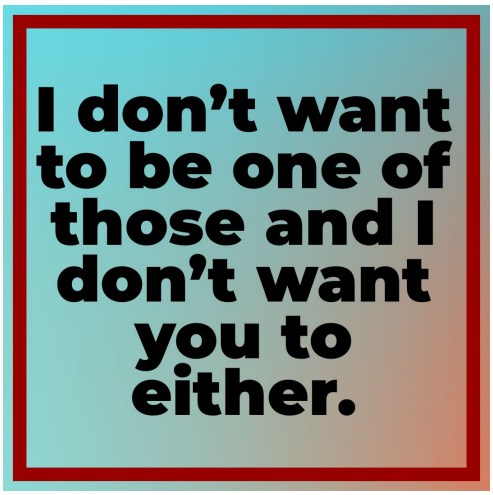
8 Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ.

False teachers did not go out and win the lost, any more than the cultists do today. They "kidnapped" converts from churches. Most of the people I have talked with who are members of antichristian cults were at one time associated with a Christian church of one denomination or another.

How is it possible for false teachers to capture people? The answer is simple: these "captives" are ignorant of the truths of the Word of God. They become fascinated by the philosophy and empty delusion of the false teachers. When a person does not know the doctrines of the Christian faith, he can easily be captured by false religions.

2 Thessalonians 2:1–4 (HCSB)

1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to Him: We ask you, brothers,
2 not to be easily upset in mind or troubled, either by a spirit or by a message or by a letter as if from us, alleging that the Day of the Lord has come.
3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.
4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in God's sanctuary, publicizing that he himself is God.



To fully identify and combat apostasy, Christians should understand its various forms and the traits that characterize its doctrines and teachers.

As to the forms of apostasy, there are two main types: (1) a falling away from key and true doctrines of the Bible into heretical teachings that claim to be "the real" Christian doctrine,

and (2) a complete renunciation of the Christian faith, which results in a full abandonment of Christ.

The first form of apostasy—a denial of key Christian truths (such as the divinity of Christ) that begins a downhill slide

into a full departure from the faith, which is the second form of apostasy.

The second form almost always begins with the first. A heretical belief becomes a heretical teaching that splinters and grows until it pollutes all aspects of a person's faith, and then the end goal of Satan is accomplished, which is a complete falling away from Christianity.

A 2010 study by Daniel Dennett and Linda LaScola called "Preachers Who Are Not Believers." Dennett and LaScola's work chronicles five different preachers who over time were presented with and accepted heretical teachings about Christianity and now have completely fallen away from the faith.

These pastors are either pantheists or clandestine atheists. One of the most disturbing truths highlighted in the study is that these preachers maintain their position as pastors of Christian churches with their congregations being unaware of their leader's true spiritual state.

The Characteristics of Apostasy and Apostates

Jude was the half brother of Jesus and a leader in the early church. In his New Testament letter, he outlines how to recognize apostasy and strongly urges those in the body of Christ to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 1:3).

The Greek word translated "contend earnestly" is a compound verb from which we get the word *agonize*.

It is in the present infinitive form, which means that the struggle will be continuous.

In other words, Jude says that there will be a constant fight against false teaching and that Christians should take it so seriously that we "agonize" over the fight in which we are engaged.

Moreover, Jude makes it clear that every Christian is called to this fight, not just church leaders, so it is critical that all believers sharpen their discernment skills so that they can recognize and prevent apostasy in their midst.

After urging his readers to contend earnestly for the faith, Jude highlights the reason: "For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:4). In this one verse, Jude provides Christians with three traits of apostasy and apostate teachers:

First, Jude says that apostasy can be subtle. Apostates have "crept" into the church. In extra-biblical Greek, the term Jude uses describes the cunning craftiness of a lawyer who, through clever argumentation, infiltrates the minds of courtroom officials and corrupts their thinking.

The word literally means "slip in sideways; come in stealthily; sneak in." In other words, Jude says it is rare that apostasy begins in an overt and easily detectable manner. Instead, only a single letter, the iota, differentiates the false teaching from the true.

Describing this aspect of apostasy and its underlying danger, A. W. Tozer wrote, "So skilled is error at imitating truth, that the two are constantly being mistaken for each another. It takes a sharp eye these days to know which brother is Cain and which is Abel."

The apostle Paul also speaks to the outwardly pleasing behavior of apostates and their teaching: "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:13–14).

In other words, do not look for apostates to appear bad on the outside or speak dramatic words of heresy at the outset of their teaching.

Rather than denying truth outright, apostates will twist it to fit their own agenda, but, as pastor R. C. Lensky has noted, "The worst forms of wickedness consist in perversions of the truth."

Second, Jude describes apostates as "ungodly" and as those who use God's grace as a license to commit unrighteous acts.

Beginning with "ungodly," Jude describes eighteen unflattering traits of apostates: they are ungodly (Jude 1:4), morally perverted (verse 4), denying Christ (verse 4), ones who defile the flesh (verse 8), rebellious (verse 8), people who revile angels (verse 8), who are ignorant about God (verse 8), those who proclaim false visions (verse 10), self-destructive (verse 10), grumblers (verse 16), faultfinders (verse 16), self-satisfying (verse 16), people who use arrogant words and false flattery (verse 16), mockers of God (verse 18), those who cause divisions (verse 19), worldly minded (verse 19), and finally (and not surprisingly), devoid of the Spirit/unsaved (verse 19).

Third, Jude says apostates "deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." How do apostates do this?

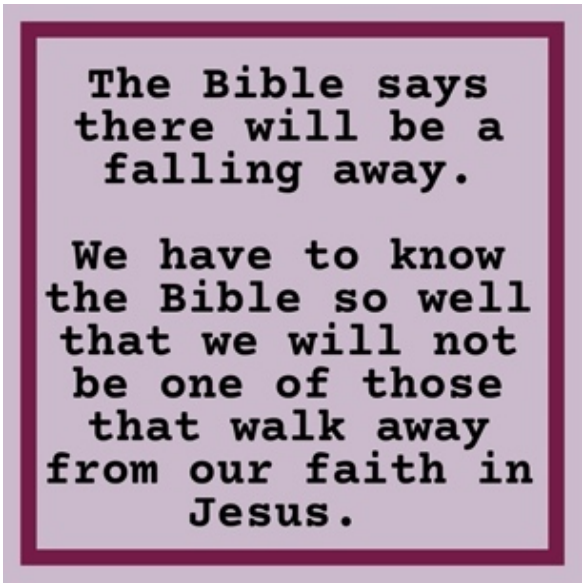
Paul tells us in his letter to Titus, "To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving,

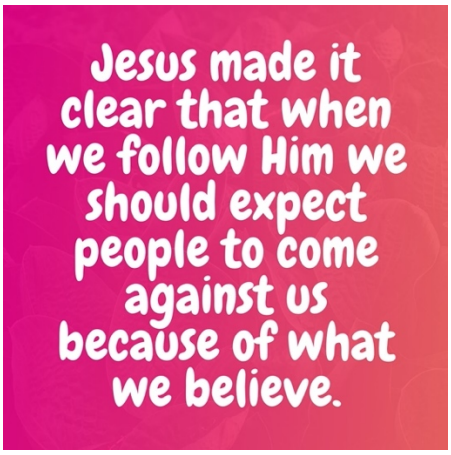
nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed" (Titus 1:15–16).

Through their unrighteous behavior, the apostates show their true selves. Unlike an apostate, a true believer is someone who has been delivered from sin to righteousness in Christ and who refuses to continue in sin (Romans 6:1–2).

Ultimately, the sign of an apostate is that he eventually falls away and departs from the truth of God's Word and His righteousness.

The apostle John signifies this is a mark of a false believer: "They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us" (1 John 2:19).





John 15:18
18 "If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me before it hated you.

John 3:19
19 "This, then, is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

Matthew 5:10–12
10 Those who are persecuted for righteousness are blessed, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
11 "You are blessed when they insult and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of Me.
12 Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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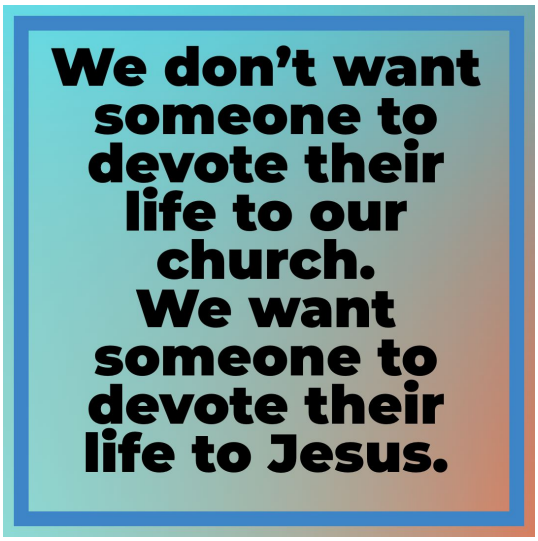

2 Corinthians 4:5
5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Know the Bible because infiltrators are among us to turn us away from the truth.

Stand up for your faith and what the bible says even if you become someone's enemy.