



they wanted – never mind the fact they chose not to seek the Lord in their life, they chose to walk in their own willful way, desiring to blame the Lord God for their own sin and disobedience. This is willfully walking in sin, willfully walking away from the Lord, and you are deciding to apostatize? Oh, No. If you are walking with Jesus when things *seem* so wrong, continue walking with the Lord, and place your trust in Him. He will bring you through it all.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary gives to us the definition of apostasy that helps us understand the Word of God.

1. An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion.

Oh, let us encourage, edify, one another in the Lord and His Holy Word. These are hard days that lie before us, and so easy to become discouraged. We need to be praying one for another, for the body of Christ. Pray one for another. I often pray,

Lord Jesus, what I have asked for myself, strength, trust, mercy, love, faith . . . I asked for my brothers and sisters in You, whatever it is they need and desire of You – according to Your will, that it be met.

And I pray for those, Lord, who would turn to You, if I, we, would but tell them of Your great love for them.

Lord Jesus, keep each of us in Your Holy will, living a life of holiness unto You – and all for Your glory. Amen.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

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Unholy Living!

How long will this nation go on in their prideful, sinful, ways mocking the Lord Jesus Christ? How long will those saying they have been born again, who have given their hearts and lives to the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ go on walking the broad road that leads to destruction, with an attitude towards the body of Christ, *I am holier than thou?* (Isa 65.5) How long will people walk on believing they can straddle the fence in their daily walk, believing they have one foot on the narrow way, a walk of holiness, unto the Lord God – and the other foot on the broad road that leads to death, hell?

The Lord Jesus Christ will not always strive with man. Isaiah 65 makes it clear how vile man is, how he walks in his own willful way, and turns his heart to the enemy. We wrote about when God's wrath is stirred, and Genesis Six makes this clear that God in Christ Jesus will not always strive with man.

Genesis Six, verses 1-7 . . .

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *[were]* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *[is]* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *[children]* to them, the same *[became]* mighty men which *[were]* of old, men of renown.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *[was]* great in the earth, and *[that]* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *[was]* only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Standards have been changing for years, and continues one miniscule step at a time until, it seems, no one cares or notices that so many have gone beyond realizing where they are, have crossed the chasm, the path the enemy has laid before them. People continue walking away from the Lord, from His teachings, His ways past finding out (Rom 11.33). People are deceived and think they are "okay," that they

are covered in their sins, that they can walk in disobedience with the blessing of the Lord. They choose not to live for the Lord Jesus Christ; they choose a life of goodliness as do some religions of the world. Some call it the "good life," meaning they are walking in their own ways, following the world. The question we ask years ago in a *Message* was "Can so many be so wrong?" The answer is, Yes, and they are.

When people do not read the Holy Word of God, the Holy Bible, and seek the face of the Lord, they will falter. Proverbs 14.12 and 16.25 says it well, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *[are]* the ways of death." It is a road that is travelled heavily; a road where no one cares what the other person does; a road where people believe they are having a good time; a road where people believe in themselves.

Satan covers his works, his ways, so you cannot see beyond the external who he is. Perhaps it is like biting into a candy bar that is chocolate on the outside and looks so good, but when you bite into it, it is death; it is poison. The Word of God will guide us in the ways of the Lord, will help us to recognize the illusion of Satan's deceitful ways. Giving your heart fully to the Lord and hearing Him speaking and guiding you into all things will bring life to you. Satan's ways brings death.

Paul addresses this also in II Timothy 3.1-5. The Lord has given to us His Word that we might not be drawn into that which appeals to the senses, that we might turn away from the enemy, that we might not walk the broad road that leads to destruction.

How many of you have been told how goodly you are, just keep on walking the way you are *that leads to destruction*. Yes, you are never told that the way you are walking may be leading to destruction. Is it the way of the world and the worldly churches - to keep you feeling good about your self, to make you think more highly of yourself, to keep you at the center of your life?

Paul writes in Romans Twelve how we ought to walk (vv 1-3). Paul makes it clear that we are to give ourselves to the Lord, to live a life dedicated to His service. The Lord Jesus Christ is to be the center of our lives.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *[which is]* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *[is]* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *[of himself]* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Paul also writes in Romans that we are to walk in the Spirit, to keep our eyes upon the Lord. Too often we look down, we look at people, and listen to them, and begin walking with the enemy when our ears and eyes are turned from the Lord. Then when we realize we have taken our eyes off the Lord and His calling upon our lives, when we are looking down, we are so drawn into the world's thinking and ways of living that we lack the strength to turn from sin and turn back to the

Lord Jesus Christ. People keep walking on, all too often, in their own willful way instead of seeking the strength of the Lord to leave the broad road and walk on the narrow road with the Lord – to which He calls us to walk. Oh, I say unto you, Awaken!

Let us read II Timothy 3.1-5. We are warned of the dangerous enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who endeavor to lead us astray, away from the Lord, to live the goodly life that many cannot differentiate from the godly life.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The form of godliness is the life of goodliness – **not godliness** to which we are called when we lay our lives before the Master to walk in obedience to Him, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we walk with the enemy in the "form" of godliness, we are standing on dangerous ground. The following passage is seldom, if ever preached, in the days in which we live as it is a time of deception, deceiving people in teaching them all is well. Just go to the front of the "church," say some words – and you are now free to walk in sin with the blessing of – that "church," all too often. This is where we are now. Oh, I hear said, well – uh – maybe the person just did not get it right; this passage in Hebrews (and other passages like it) just does not mean what you think it might mean.

Well, let me put it before you, and ask that you seek the Lord Jesus Christ, seek His truth. Lay your life before the Lord, seeking His will in your life, and His understanding of the Word of the Lord, to quicken it to your heart. We are talking life and death as is in Deuteronomy 29-31.

(Heb 10:26-31) The danger of apostasy (Barnes, Clarke, Darby, Gaebelein, MMHC and others)

Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?
Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *[belongeth]* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
Heb 10:31 *[It is]* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

This passage is dealing with people who turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ. There are those who turn from the Lord, and make it clear He is not their God for many reasons. They seek a false god because things in life did not go the way