

YOU'RE WRONG!

Following Christ means rejecting error: Apostasy in the Church,
1 Timothy 4 1-5, *Chris Mueller 12-31-2017*

Introduction:

TRUTH = **John 14:6** *Jesus said ... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth*

1 Timothy 1:19 *keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.*

1 *But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; 5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.*

#1 The _____ of Apostasy **1c** *some will fall away from the faith.*

Luke 8:13 *Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away*

#2 The _____ of Apostasy **1a** *But the Spirit explicitly says*

1 Samuel 15:11 *I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." Nehemiah 9:26 ...they became disobedient and rebelled against You, And cast Your law behind their backs And killed Your prophets who had admonished them ... And they committed great blasphemies.*

Acts 20:29 *I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.*

1 John 2:19 *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, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.*

#3 The _____ of Apostasy **1b** *that in later times*

1 Peter 1:20 *has appeared in these last times for the sake of you*
Hebrews 1:2 *in these last days has spoken to us in His Son*
Matthew 24:12 *most people's love will grow cold*

#4 The _____ of Apostasy **1d** *paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons*

2 John verses 7-11 *For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.*

#5 The _____ of Apostasy **2** *by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron*

John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil ... for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

2 Timothy 2:17-18 *17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some*

#6 The _____ of Apostasy ^{3a} *men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods*

1 Corinthians 7:35 *undistracted devotion to the Lord.*

Colossians 2:16 *Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.*

#7 The _____ for Apostasy ^{3b-5} *which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; 5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.*

Mark 7:19 *declared all foods clean*

TAKE HOME:

#1 Live satisfied in _____

3:16 *By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory*

C.S. Lewis *God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way... God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.*

#2 Listen for violations of the _____

1 John 2:4 *The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;*

Romans 11:36 *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.*

#3 Do not listen to, read, or sit under _____; and beware of weak teaching

#4 Do not be afraid to say, you're _____

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What is Apostasy and why is it so bad?
2. What are the characteristics of Apostasy?
3. Is there any way to identify an Apostate prior to hearing what they believe and teach?
4. Name some of the most common current popular Apostates and describe their teaching?
5. Why is it so hard for believers to say, your wrong and I am right? Why must be willing to say it?
6. How can Christians stand strong against heresy with their lives? And how can Christians stand strong against heresy with their words?
7. What commitments must you make in order to stand firm in a day when apostolic lies are so strong?

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