



The Doctrines of Apostates

What we see happening today

What is “Apostacy”?

Google:

- The abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief

Strong's:

- Defection from truth, a falling away, forsake

An Apostate is one who defects from a truth they once professed to have

- This does not mean they possessed or believe it; only that they confessed to



Examples of Apostacy

- The person that proclaims to be a Christian but turns to another religion or atheism
- The atheist that becomes a Christian
- The apostacy of Jesus' followers (John 6:22-71)
 - V22-59 - Jesus teaches that He is the bread of life and eternal life is through Him alone
 - V60 - Some disciples grumble among themselves
 - "this is a hard thing"
 - "who can listen to it"
 - V63 - The key to understanding this parable
 - V66 - "After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him."
 - V67b - Jesus asks: "Do you want to go as well?"
 - V68-69 - Peter reaffirms their faith to Jesus as the Messiah
 - V70-71 - The apostacy of Judas Iscariot begins to take root



Warnings from the Messiah

Matthew 24:4-13; Mark 13:5-13; Luke 21:8-19

Matthew 24:3 – The disciples ask three questions

- What is the sign for the fall of Jerusalem?
- What is the sign of the second coming?
- What is the sign for the end of the age?

Warnings from the Messiah

Jesus answers the question; "What is the sign of the end of the age?"

- Matthew 24:4-6 (Mark 13:5-7; Luke 21:8-9)

Jesus mentions two characteristics of the Church Age

- A rise in false messiahs
- Local wars will occur through out the age

A Rise in False Messiahs (Jewish History)

Jesus was the first in
Jewish history to
make a Messianic
claim (and prove to
be the true Messiah)

Simon Bar Kochba in
132AD

Shabbatai Ziv in the
1700's

Jacob Frank in the
1800's

Menachem
Schneerson - 1992
of the Lubavitchers
(Chabad)

A Rise in False Messiahs (Church History)

- Rev. Sun Myung Moon – The Unification Movement (1954)
 - The crucifixion of Jesus was an alternative plan that only half-way save mankind
 - Sun Myung Moon is the “messiah” and salvation comes through being a member of his church
- New Age Movement
 - Various cults have different views on Jesus
 - Multitudes of messianic claims through gurus and teachings
 - “Christ consciousness”

What is the Source of this Apostacy?

In the times following this letter / Immediately Acts 20:29

"aphistemi" - to actively remove, depart or revolt

1 Timothy 4:1-5 (ESV)

¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³ who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving 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 thanksgiving, ⁵ for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

The Insincerity of Liars

- 2 Timothy 3:1-9
 - Gives descriptions of what this will look like
- Paul lists several character traits of these

Lovers of Self	Lovers of money
Proud	Arrogant
Abusive	Disobedient to their parents/authority
Ungreatful	Unholy
Heartless	Unappeasable
Slandorous	Without self-control
Brutal	Not loving good
Treacherous	Reckless
Full of conceit	Lovers of pleasure

Lies through Hypocrisy



2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 -
CHARACTERIZES
APOSTATES IN THE LAST
DAYS



V5 - *HAVING THE
APPEARANCE OF
GODLINESS, BUT
DENYING ITS POWER*



2 CORINTHIANS 11:12-15 "...FOR EVEN
SATAN DISGUISES HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL
OF LIGHT. SO IT SHOULD NOT SURPRISE IF
HIS SERVANTS, ALSO, DISGUISE
THEMSELVES AS SERVANTS OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS..."

Attacks on Believers Liberties

Forbidding Marriage

- Church's forbidding leadership to get married
- "common law"
- Homosexual Marriages
- Divorce

Requiring Abstinence from Food

- Some churches push food restrictions
 - Following Jewish Misnic Laws
 - Restricting drinks or meat
- Today's society pushes that eating meat is bad for the climate

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The Teachings of Apostates

- 2 Peter 2:1
 - Describes the teachings of the apostates as “destructive heresies”
- Why?
 - Because they deny “the Master who bought them”
 - They deny the Person (the Master) and the work (who bought them) of the Messiah
- Three specific denials in apostate teachings



Denial of the Trinity

1 John 2:22-23

²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?

This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.

²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

Denial of the Incarnation

1 John 4:2-3

² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Denial of the Incarnation

2 John 1:7

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Denial of the Second Coming of Messiah

2 Peter 3:3-4

³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

The Destructive Denials of the Apostasy



Denial of the Trinity

- His place in the Trinity and His Deity

Denial of the Incarnation

- He is the God-Man by way of the Virgin Birth

Denial of the Second Coming of Messiah

- The fact that He is coming back physically

Underlying these three denials is the ultimate denial of the Inspiration of Scriptures