

APOSTASY

Where Is The Line?



Ephesians 6:13,
“Having done all, to stand.”

Second Thessalonians 2:15,
“Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught...”



First Timothy 1:6,
“Turned aside.”

First Corinthians 10:12,
“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest he fall.**”

- What Does One Have To Do To Be An Apostate?
- Who Are Today's Apostates?
- When Does One Actually Cross The Line To Apostasy?
- Where Do We Draw The Line Today?



“What Saith The Scripture?” (Romans 4:3)

What Is Apostasy?

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- The best commentary on the Scriptures is the Scriptures!

Second Thessalonians 2:3,

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away** first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.”

Jude 1:24,

“Now unto him that is **able to keep you from falling**, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,”

Acts 21:21,

“And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles **to forsake** Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.”

First Corinthians 10:12,

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest he fall.**”

Second Peter 3:17,

“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, **fall from your own steadfastness.**”

Second Peter 1:10,

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for **if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**”



“Apostasia”

“A Falling Away”

Second Thessalonians 2:1-3,

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in **mind**, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away** first, **and** that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Context: Facts Concerning Apostasy!

1. False doctrine in the church (V.1-2).
2. Soon “*shaken*” (Not Grounded) (V.2).
3. Easily “*troubled*” (Not Grounded) (V.2).
4. Lack of discernment (V.2)
 - a. “**Mind**” Translated “**Understanding**” 7x.
5. Deception (V.3).

Greek - “*apostasia*”

“Forsake”

Acts 21:21, Counsel Meeting - at Jerusalem.

“And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles **to forsake** Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.”

Greek - “*apostasia*”

Paul was accused of causing the Jews to “apostatize.”

“Falling”

Dictionary →

“Falling”

“Moving **downward** from a higher level.”

“Moving”

“Go in a specified **direction** or manner; change position.”

Jude 1:24,

“Now unto him that is able to **keep you from falling**, and to present you **faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,”

Context:

- From apostasy - end of the age.
- “**aptaistos**.” - **adjective**.
 - “Describing a noun.”
- “**apostasia**” - **noun**.
 - “A word used to identify a class of people, places, or things.”

“Keep You From Falling”

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→ **Greek** - “**aptaistos**”

→ Strong’s Concordance - “**Stumbling**”

→ Translated - “**without rebuke**” 2x.

The Difference - Fell And Falling

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“Now unto him that is able to **keep you from falling**, and to present you **faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,”

“Falling”

1. An act in progress.
2. **Note:**
 - a. Paul did not say they would “**fall**”
 - i. i.e. “Hit bottom.”
 - b. He said they would be “**falling**.”

“Fell In The Wilderness”

First Corinthians 10:12,

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest he fall.**”

Context:

- **Apostate Israel - Wilderness.**
- **First Corinthians Ch.10,**
- **“All”**
 1. “passed through the sea” (v.1).
 2. “eat the same spiritual meat” (v.3).
 3. “drink same spiritual meat” (v.3).
- **“Some”**
 - **“fell”** (v.8).
 - Wandered in wilderness - 40 years.
 - Missed **“Promised Land”** - **VCL**

“Ye Shall Never Fall”

Second Peter 1:10,

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for **if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**”

Second Peter 1:5-8,

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add** to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**;
6 And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**;
7 And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**.
8 For **if these things be in you, and abound**, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrew 3:7-8,

“To day **if ye will hear his voice**, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:”

- **“If Ye”** - 162x - Bible

“To Forsake”

Acts 21:21, Counsel Meeting - at Jerusalem

“And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles **to forsake Moses**, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.”

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Two Words

Greek - “apostasis”

Prefix

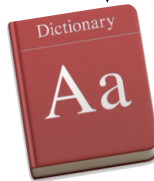
Dictionary:
“Away From”

Dictionary:
“State of inactivity”

Inactivity:

“Reluctance to take action; apathy:”

“Earnestly contend for the faith :”



Conclusions

- **What Does One Have To Do To Be An Apostate?**
 - * “Falling”
- **Who Are Today’s Apostates?**
 - * **Falling** “Descending from a higher place to a lower place.”
- **When Does One Actually Cross The Line To Apostasy?**
 - * **Jeremiah 6:16-17**,
“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, **We will not walk therein**. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, **We will not hearken.**”