

1. Apostasy Predicted in the Church. 1 Tim. 1:1

DEFINITION:

1. Literally means defection.
2. Abandonment of what one has voluntarily professed to be known truth.
3. Abandonment of God's word. Renouncing God's word to walk in one's own way.

2. THE TIME OF THE APOSTASY. In latter times. After Times. Acts 20:29,30; 1 Tim. 4:1

3. THE EXTENT OF THE APOSTASY.

1. Some, not all shall depart.
2. The doctrine of faith once delivered (Jude 3) was corrupted by:
  - (1) Denying what was true.
  - (2) Adding what was false.

4. THE PROCESS OF THE APOSTASY

1. Giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Verse 1 in 1 Timothy
  - (1) SEDUCING: Wandering, roving, vagabond, deceiver.
  - (2) Evil spirits animating the false teachers.
2. Doctrine of devils: teaching suggested by devils and through his agents. See 1 Cor. 10:20

3. EXAMPLES:

- (1) The Jews suggested that John the Baptist had a devil. Luke 7:33
- (2) They also suggested that Jesus had a devil. John 7:20; 8:48, 52

5. THE CHARACTER OF THE FALSE TEACHERS. 1 Tim. 4:2

1. They spoke lies through hypocrisy having their consciences seared with a hot iron. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT MEANS:
  - (1) They assumed a mask of holiness with the view of giving better currency to their lies.
  - (2) They knew that a mask of sanctity would throw the unwary off their guard quicker.
  - (3) In doing this they had lost the true distinction between right and wrong; truth and error.

6. THEIR TEACHING: 1 Tim. 4:3

1. Forbade what Scripture allowed. Hebrews 13:4, 1 Cor. 9:5 *Ben. 2:18*
2. The forbade the eating of meats. Scripture allowed. 1 Tim. 4:4

