

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 10:26-31

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **APOSTASY OR REALITY – WHERE ARE YOU ?**

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.  
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

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**Hebrews 10:26-31**

**For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

A word from the Apostle Peter here gives us some wisdom regarding the Apostle Paul's writings and Teachings.

### The meaning of Apostasy.

To abandon, to revolt against, to give up, to break off from, to depart from as in the leaving off or the going away from something or someone permanently. To leave one course of direction for a different course of direction.

We should probably make this clear at this juncture that, someone who is in a state of apostasy, may very well resemble someone who is in the state of being backslidden as a believer. There is, however, a great difference between the two. Apostasy is a full departure from – having no desire nor intent to return back again. Whereas a backslidden

Christian is one who is in disobedience and is knowledgeable of that fact, having strayed and is in a state of being a prodigal - a choice of a believer having succumb to temptation and thus sin. One who is in a temporary state of disobedience. The Apostate is nothing like this. His sin is a particular sin that is far more lethal, permanent, and deadly than any backslidden believer.

**2 Peter 3:14-16**

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; **15** and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation - also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, **16** as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

This Book was (is) written to the believers who had come out from the traditions of men - - to understand that the Old Testament Scriptures were (are) the Foundation to all New Testament Theology.

**Romans 15:4**

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**Matthew 5:17-18**

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

**Luke 24:27**

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

**1 Peter 1:18-21**

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **20** He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you **21** who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

# APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

1.) Look Around At Yourself

vs. 26-27

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1a.) What do you see happening with you?

vs. 26

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

**“For if we sin (the Greek tense meaning to go on sinning) willfully.”**

Here is the warning of someone who is in the state of apostacy.

**The willful sin here is to sin against “The Sacrifice” offered for sin – Jesus Christ and His Bodily Atonement upon the Cross.**

There are two main types: (#1) a falling away from any foundational key, biblically accurate doctrine(s) of the Bible and into a heretical teaching that claims itself to be “the only real” or new Christian doctrine, and (#2) a complete renunciation of the Christian faith, which results in a full abandonment of Christ.

**willfully**

**grk: he’ko’u’sios**

to volunteer oneself, two step forward, to sign up. to walk through a door.

**received**

**grk: lam’ba’no**

to take, receive, accept, to collect, to seize, to gather up.  
implying a partial reception of.

**knowledge**

**grk: epi’gno’sis**

to recognize, to be informed of, to come to the knowing of.

## What are The Characteristics of Apostasy and Apostates

### Jude 1:1-4

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: **2** Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. **3** Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Crept**

**grk: par'ei'sduo**

to slip in from the side, to settle in alongside of, to approach and to “take-cuts” by slowly assimilating.

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They are most often, but not always charismatic, winsome, somehow able to gather a crowd to themselves with the hidden intent to establish “followers”.

### **Acts 20:26-31**

Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. **27** For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. **28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

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### **2 Corinthians 11:12-15**

But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. **13** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. **14** And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works..

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### **Titus 1:10-16**

For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, **11** whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. **12** One of them, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” **13** This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, **14** not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. **15** To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. **16** They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

### Romans 6:1-3

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?  
**2** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **3** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

## What are The Characteristics of Apostasy and Apostates

### 1 John 2:18-20

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. **20** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

The apostate pastor, teacher, group leader, so-called Christian

- not only are they doomed but they doom their unsuspecting followers. Jesus warned of this when He spoke to His disciples about the religious leaders of His day,

### Matthew 15:7-14

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: **8** *“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”* **10** When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: **11** Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” **12** Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” **13** But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. **14** LET THEM ALONE. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

### Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. **26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. **27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, “Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?” **28** He said to them, “An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ **29** But he said, “No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”

**Matthew 24:9-11**

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. **10** And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11** Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-3**

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

**Philippians 3:18-19**

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame -who set their mind on earthly things.

To answer this correctly - we must take inventory of where we have come from in this Book and what we have learned in the previous chapters of this Book.

**Hebrews 7:25**

Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

So what is before us here? - - well it is a very serious and grave warning to all who have left-off from the simplicity of the Gospel message.

**Galatians 3:1-4**

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? **4** Have you suffered so many things in vain - if indeed it was in vain?

**Galatians 6:1-2**

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**overtaken**

**grk: pro’lam’bano**

caught, hooked, netted, entangled.

*End of Study*

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