

APOSTASY

- I. Definition: *apostasy* is some form of rejection of God's message ([Hebrews 12:4-15](#)).
- II. Apostasy and carnality are different, just as is spirituality and maturity are different.
- III. An apostate is a non-perceptive believer *naturally* out of tune and harmony with God and His Word.
- IV. Carnality is the state of an otherwise perceptive believer, temporarily out of harmony and fellowship.
- V. Spirituality is an absolute state, whereby the Holy Spirit controls the soul of the believer.
- VI. Carnality is an absolute state, wherein a person is out of harmony and fellowship with Jesus Christ.
- VII. Apostasy is a relative state of spiritual failure of the believer, due to the presence of evil in his or her life (evil is the philosophy, policy, design and thought pattern of Satan, specifically aimed at the soul of man).
- VIII. The *carnal* believer is perceptive to God's message, or can be, but the *apostate* is constantly rejecting it, perpetually rebelling to the proclamation of God's truth.
- IX. The Carnal Believer can be restored immediately by means of [I John 1:9](#). The Apostate, however, normally has such a saturation and pollution of evil in the soul, that it takes many years to remove the deep scars it causes there.
- X. An *apostate* person is consistently influenced by evil – by Satan's thinking.
- XI. The *Grace Abounding Life* (GAL – the high road of God's magnificent Grace) is a relative state, whereby the Word of God has a maximum influence on the life of the believer.
- XII. An *apostate believer* is a person walking in life with an emptiness of spiritual Truth in his or her mind; thus, the mind is defiled. A person negative to God's Truth is *always* positive to evil ([Eph. 4:17, 18](#)).
 - Such a person is a believer, and is *not* demon-possessed ([I Corinthians 6:19, 20](#)).
 - But he or she *is* demon-influenced, and evil-possessed.