

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

When our Lord was here on earth, He said . . . **when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?** Now that reference is not to personal faith, the day when I come to know the Lord, but what it is all about is belief in the whole body of revealed truth. How easy it is to slip from those things, which we know are in the Word of God, yet somehow the Word of God is not first and foremost. Sometimes, we think, "That is a rather cute song," but we do not check: is it based in Scripture? We accept things into our life, which have that impact upon us that God says we are falling away. It is the professed Christian who deliberately rejects revealed truth! Now, sometimes this is not a very popular position to be in. You may find you are with people who love the Lord, and somehow they just don't want to talk about the Lord. They don't want to understand Him in His deity. They don't want to realize they have actually been redeemed by His precious Blood, by His amazing sacrifice on their behalf, that He died for them. Without realizing it, these things get put aside, perhaps for a special day of the year or when we are all supposed to think about it. But that is apostacy.

In **1 John 4**, we read -

**3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is**

**come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.**

**4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

I don't think we realize how far we have gone in the Church of Jesus Christ in the dangerous position of apostasy.

In **2 Timothy 4**, we read -

**3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine. . .** In other words, "Let's just have a few stories and some nice music, but let's not get heavy into the Word. We don't need all that." It goes on to say - . . . **but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears,**

**4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

I have seen many situations where people say, "Well, we don't have many people in our church because we are standing strong and they are not." But it is interesting that when you view it from God's point of view, it could be there are not very many people gathering in that place, because *anathema* has been written over it! God has already departed, because He knows that the Word of God, understanding the deity of Christ, and understanding the work of redemption of Jesus Christ is not central; the joy of the believer is not realized and, therefore, He does not bless what is going on.

What is more, those who know not the Lord are not being drawn, because why would they be? They are looking for the risen Christ; they are looking for dynamic faith; they are looking for the Word of God being alive! Therefore, I would encourage you that you search your own heart today.

It is so easy to have . . . **a form of godliness but to deny the power thereof.** . . . we are further told in Scripture in **2 Timothy 3:5** - . . . **from such turn away.**

**6** **For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,** - *and listen to this:*

**7** **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

The next big thing that is on the pipeline! Oh, they want to be in to all of that. But somehow, there is no living reality. What's more, it is not only effecting their life, but it is effecting the Church of Jesus Christ. This is the last, final glorious hour that we should be light in a dark place; we should be based in the Word of God; we should be proclaiming Him Who is our very Life and giving all power and all glory to that Name which alone is worthy to receive the honor.

Apostacy is irremediable; there is no answer for it. There is no medicine for it. The Bible says it just waits judgment.

**2 Thessalonians 2** is absolutely frightening as it shows just what is

going to happen :

**11        And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion**

. . . to come upon those who say *No!* to the vibrant, living Jesus Christ, Who alone can transform lives. And it is all based upon His work on the Cross.

Would you say, *Thank You* to Him? If you feel you have had a spirit of apostacy, would you return to Him with all your heart? Would you say, *Jesus only - that is what my life is about. For your glory. I love You, Lord.*

*Amen.*