

# WHY CHRISTIANS FALL AWAY



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There are large numbers of people who have started out in the Christian life and apparently have accepted the real Truth of God, but many of them have fallen away from the faith and have come under the full control of Satan.

The reason is, Satan gets in and takes control of their life. He either uses direct suggestions to their mind or he will use a person under his control to say or do things that will cause them to lose their hold on God's full Truth.

Every human being is either under the control of God or under the control of Satan. Satan is so subtle and doesn't want anyone to know that he is in control of them, and he will use such clever plans and methods, that the people he controls do not realize that they are possessed by a Satanic power.

The Bible reveals the reason why so many have had the real light and then fall away. When we go back one step, we can see that the beginning of their falling away started when some circumstance came into their life, and they took it into their own hands to settle it and refused to meet it in God's way.

God has a plan for every detail of our life, and if someone wrongs us and we refuse to meet it in a scriptural way, which permits Satan to get a power over us that he never had before. And thus, the influence and control of the Holy Spirit will lessen and if that person does not turn to God right, they will lose out altogether.

There is one thing that we never lose, and that is, our power of choice. That will never be taken from us as long as we live. Adam used his power of choice to listen to Satan and refused to do what God said. By

listening to Satan instead of God, he lost all the blessings God had for him in the Garden of Eden and turned himself and the whole world over to Satan.

In speaking about the close of the age, Paul told the Thessalonians that the whole world will be deceived by the antichrist. The world as a whole will not only reject the Christ of God, but they will accept the antichrist of the devil.

Paul told the Thessalonians why God permits the devil to take possession of and deceive and rob the whole world. He said, "Because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved." Or, 'because they refuse to meet things as God's Word directs.'

That means that God is patient with us and if we don't meet our trial in a scriptural way, He will allow that circumstance to recur until we are willing to meet it in His way.

If a certain incident would arise in our life that we failed to meet in God's way, the best thing to do would be to go right back and settle it to meet it right and it will work out the best for our greatest spiritual benefit and blessing.

One could hardly believe that anyone could possibly be deceived so completely, but Satan has a mighty power over anyone who will allow him.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 (KJV); *because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

That means God will permit the devil to delude them so they will believe a lie, and they will accept a wrong teaching and believe it is the Truth.

(Verse 12) *"That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."*

And the reason why is, they failed to surrender their life to God right in the beginning. Our surrender to God must be like a leap in the dark. It must be as Paul said, to "present your bodies a living sacrifice" and they would become "holy and acceptable unto God."

That means to be as one slain and laid on the altar and become absolutely subject to God's will and control, for life or death, and for God to have His way in everything. Satan likes to paint that as a hardship but actually, it is just the opposite.

A complete surrender to God for His will to be done in every part of our life, is the only pathway to perfect peace, happiness, and protection in this life and the only pathway to Eternal Life in Heaven.

We will find that God's yoke IS easy, and His burden IS light. If we do not place ourselves on God's altar to stay there, He cannot take full possession of us, and we will have quite an up and down experience.

When God gets full control of a life that has been really placed on the altar right, He says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, *"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

That means that no matter what kind of temptation arises, we will be able to draw on God's power and strength to bring us through victorious.

Whatever the situation is in the Christian life, if we start out with any limit in doing the will of God and say, "I will try this, but if things don't go right, I will have to turn back." That is just the kind of surrender that Satan is looking for and will take full advantage of it. He is just waiting to destroy anyone for time and eternity, and he will if this is not fully repented of.

The foundation cause of anyone falling away from the Truth, is the kind of surrender they made to God. In the Sermon-on-the-Mount, and all through the New Testament, we have God's standard of righteousness. Anyone who has a willing heart can accept it, and God will keep them from falling as long as they maintain an attitude of complete surrender to His will.

Jude 1:24-25 tells us, *"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,*

*To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

If we want God to keep us from falling away from the Truth, we must let Him have full control of our entire lives. If He gets full possession of us, He is responsible and will keep us and protect us.

Those who believe in OSAS (or once-saved-always-saved) teaching, never make a right surrender to God to begin with. They believe that if they simply accept the historical facts concerning the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross, they are saved and cannot be lost, even when they fail to keep God's written instructions in the New Testament. They never allow God to get the least hold on them.

Another phase about our surrender to God is found in Luke 14:26, *"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."*

At some point in our Christian life, we may come to the place where we will have to go against the wishes of our unsaved loved ones, or we may be called to put God and His Word ahead of a member of the family.

We may even be called upon to risk our life for the sake of the Truth, and if we have not settled it that God and His Will and Word comes first, ahead of everything and everybody, Satan will regain control.

A real surrender to God when it comes to healing, means to settle it that even if we died, we would not use the slightest human remedy under any circumstance.

The right surrender to God concerning our financial affairs means that under no circumstance will we borrow, beg, or buy anything on credit. We cannot give anyone the least hint by word or act that we are in need of anything. Even if the children were starving, we would not seek help from anyone but God alone.

A surrender like that will place God and His entire resources at our side for our own use, and instead of landing in the poorhouse, as Satan would have us

think, we will be living in prosperity and never have a lack of any kind.

It is just as important to meet our financial battles in God's way, as it is to meet our physical battles, or to meet the mean things people say and do to us in a scriptural way.

When we are really and truly surrendered to God, God will not allow anything to touch us that we will not be able to meet right and be victorious. Every circumstance we meet in God's way will increase our spirituality and knowledge of God. We will have the enthronement of the Christ-life in us and a real death to the self-life.

When we refuse to meet any temptation according to God's will, it will work out just the opposite. We will lose out spiritually, whether or not we are conscious of it, and Satan will get a power over our life that he never had before. God's power will also become less and less, and He will be unable to keep us delivered and protected from Satan's attacks.

Our surrender to God must be even unto death, just as it was in the case of the three Hebrew children, Daniel, and others. Many have settled it to put their home and family in God's hands, but their surrender was not final.

We will never get any victory in the home as long as we have a reservation down in our hearts to use for the control of our family and home. When we put our family into God's hands, we must settle it that even if they become more unruly and disobedient than ever before, we will not say a word or move a finger to change things.

When we have said our last word and made our last move to change our family by any efforts of our own. God will work quickly and effectually in bringing them into the Truth right, and we will find them living a real Christian life without any unscriptural habits of any kind.

We need to make that total surrender to God because when we start to limit our surrender to God, which will allow Satan to harm and hinder us and if not repented of, we will lose out altogether.

The temptations that we meet up with are for the purpose of perfecting our surrender. That is why we are tempted in many and various ways. When our surrender is perfected, and we have come to the place where neither life, nor death, friends, nor foe, will ever cause us to disobey God, then, and only then, will all our troubles disappear and the efforts of Satan to make our life unhappy will be defeated and God's fullness of blessing, spiritually, physically, and financially, in everything that concerns us will be turned from a desert to a rose garden.

It is only the mercy of God that He allows Satan to tempt us in various ways, and as we meet his temptations according to God's will, it will perfect our surrender and will also establish us more firmly in the Truth.

There are two important points that we need to remember if we desire to be kept from falling away from the Truth. The first is to be sure that our surrender to God is true and final, and that we will not turn our back on God's Truth under any circumstance, whether or not it pleases our family, friends, or whoever it may be.

The second point would be, that we will apply God's plan for every circumstance that arises in our life, whether it is a wrong someone has done to us or whether it is some oppression in our spiritual life, we need to surrender fully to follow God's plan. A surrender like that will shut the door to every power and work of Satan to make our life unhappy and will open the door for God to come in and make our yoke easy and our burden light and we will have God's perfect peace and victory throughout.



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