



Surviving Apostasy

“Analogies of Apostasy” (Jude 12-13)

INTRODUCTION: As we look at verses 12-13, we are going to see several analogies, or verbal pictures, to show us what apostasy looks like.

6 areas of truth that we need to contend for that are under attack:

1) The Virgin Birth of Christ

Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

2) The Full Deity of Christ

I Timothy 3:16, “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

John 1:14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

3) The Blood Atonement

I John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

4) The Bodily Resurrection of Christ

5) The Visible Return of Christ

6) The Inerrancy of the Scriptures

I. THE APOSTATE IS DANGEROUS LIKE A SUNKEN ROCK (JUDE 12)

The word “spots” is derived from the Greek word *spilas* (σπιλας, spee-las) meaning a reef of rock in the sea. A rock or a ledge that is just beneath the surface is a hidden danger to a ship.

The background is of the early church who would often get together for a feast that they called the agape feast. However, some devilish apostate has become a rock in the sea and is sinking the ship by dividing the love-fellowship of God’s church.

Apostasy is a dangerous thing. Apostasy causes division.

II. THE APOSTATE IS DECEPTIVE LIKE A WATERLESS CLOUD (JUDE 12)

Jude is writing from the Middle East. The rainy season is very short and rain is so vitally important there. – Apostates promise much, but produce very little.

Proverbs 25:14, “Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.”

III. THE APOSTATE IS DEAD LIKE A FRUITLESS TREE (JUDE 12)

Psalm 1:3-4, “³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.”

Jude speaks of these trees as being plucked up by the root because they are twice dead. First, they are dead because of their fruitlessness. Secondly, they are dead as they are plucked up by the root and thrown into fire.

Revelation 20:14, “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

John 15:16, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”

Galatians 5:22-23, “²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

There cannot be genuine, Holy Spirit produced fruit in the life of an apostate.

Matthew 15:13, “But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.”

IV. AN APOSTATE IS DISTURBED LIKE THE RAGING SEA (JUDE 13)

An apostate is a seething sea of discontent. He’s not at peace with himself or with God, and when he steps into a church, he’ll be a troublemaker.

Isaiah 57:20-21, “²⁰ But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ²¹ There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”

The apostate is like a raging wave, spewing out its own foam and leaving it on the beach of humanity. As you study an apostate in the Bible, you will find that they always have deep rooted sin.

II Peter 2:22, “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

V. AN APOSTATE IS DOOMED LIKE A WANDERING STAR (JUDE 13)

A wandering star is a star that has no orbit. They fling off into the blackness of space and sucked into some black hole for ever. The Bible calls Hell a bottomless pit.

Matthew 8:12, “But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”