

Sabbath Marketplace Service

The Great Falling Away

2 Thess 2:3-4



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What is Apostasy (Falling Away)?

Derived from Greek word Apostasia
meaning:-

- A defiance of an established system or authority
- A rebellion
- An abandonment or breach of faith

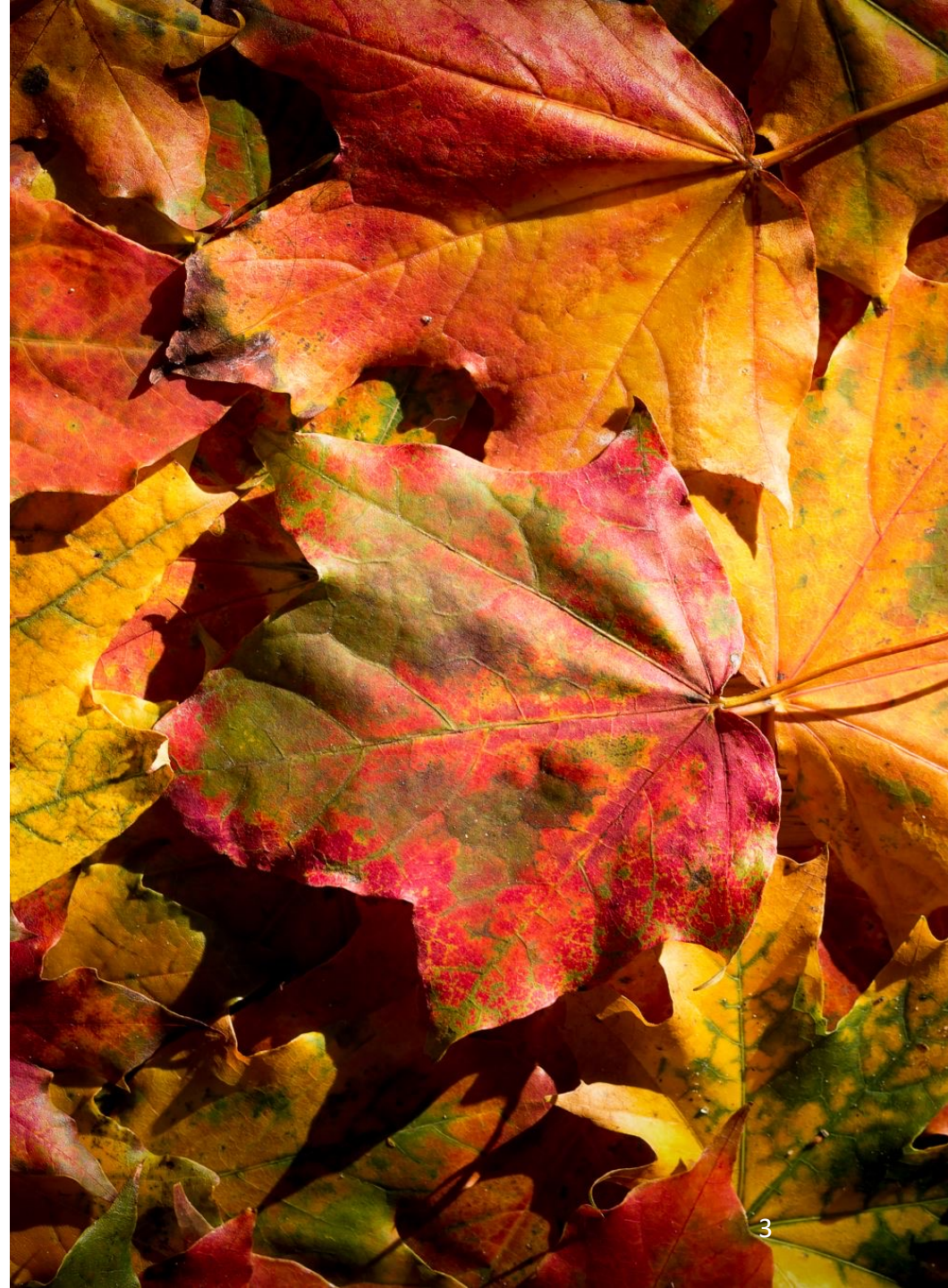
Before Yeshua Returns...

There will be two Groups of Falling Away

1. Who are deceived by false teachings
2. Who wilfully walk away from the Truth

“⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” – John 14:6

Pray for Discernment that we will be able to discern between Truth and Falsehood



1 Timothy 4:1-3

4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in ***latter times*** some will depart (*fall away*) from the faith, giving heed to ***deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons***, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own ***conscience seared with a hot iron***, ³ forbidding to marry, *and commanding to abstain from foods* which God created to be received with ***thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.***

Hebrews 10:29

“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?***”



The Falling Away Begins from Within the Church

- *Apply to
Believers*

¹⁸ 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.” – 1 John 2:18-19



Preaching
CHRIST &
CHRIST alone

Galatians 1:8-9

“⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach *any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you*, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.” – Galatians 1:8-9



Re-Cap

Falling Away or Apostasy relates ONLY to ***Believers*** who had accepted Yeshua as their LORD and personal Savior

The Great Apostasy – Falling Away

2 ¹Now, brethren, ***concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him (rapture)***, 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 (Lord) had come.***
– 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2



1 Thessalonians 4:16

2 Thessalonians 2:3

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,” - NKJV

³ Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the ***apostasy comes first***, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction” - NASB





The Great Apostasy

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– 1 Timothy 4:1

What did Yeshua warn us?

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. **5** ***For many will come in My name,*** saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”

- Matthew 24:4-5

11 Then many ***false prophets*** will rise up and deceive many. **12** And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. - Matthew 24:11

2Timothy 4:3-4

³ For the time will come when they ***will not endure sound doctrine***, but according to their own desires, *because* they have ***itching ears***, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their ears away from the truth*, and be turned aside to fables.





Identity Lost

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False Prophets

“For **false christs** and **false prophets** will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

– Matthew 24:24

“But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought

them, *and* bring on themselves” – 2 Peter 2:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many **false prophets** have gone out into the world.” – 1 John 4:1

Re-Cap


- The Great Falling Away is now HERE!
- False Doctrine and False Teachers
- We Need more of the Spirit of God to discern





Troublesome Verses in Scriptures – Hebrews 6:4-6

“⁴ For ***it is impossible*** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they ***fall away***, to ***renew*** them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.”



Important to read the Background to these Verses

6 ¹Therefore, leaving the discussion of the ***elementary principles of Christ***, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the ***foundation*** of *repentance from dead works* and of *faith toward God*, ² of the *doctrine of baptisms*, of *laying on of hands*, of *resurrection of the dead*, and of *eternal judgment*. ³ And this we will do if God permits.” – Hebrews 6:1-3



Spiritual immaturity

“¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you **have come to need milk** and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But **solid food** belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses **exercised to discern both good and evil.**” – Hebrews 5:12-14



Let's Reveal the Passages again

4 **For it is impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted** the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 **if they fall away, to renew them again** to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.” – Hebrews 6:4-6

Is it Impossible to renew ONCE you have fallen away?

One of
those
Difficult
verses in
the Bible

Who are the Targeted
Audience?

Why did the Author
make such a statement?

Is there any Hope for
renewal?

Is this for Non-Believers or Believers?

- “**tasted**” for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted** the heavenly gift
- Some advocates believe this verses Hebrews 6:4-6 refers to non-believers
 - “**tasted**” means not “fully eaten the meal” hence not fully embraced the Truth
- The Greek Word for “**tasted**” in Hebrews 6:4 the same Greek word used for “**taste**” in Hebrews 2:9
 - ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.
- Conclusion: These verses addressed the Believers, the Diaspora Jews

Book of Hebrews written for the Messianic diaspora in the nations

- “⁶ **if they fall away, to renew them again** to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” – Hebrews 6:6
- “**Fall Away**” does not refer to falling back to sins
- There is *always* forgiveness when we **repent from our sins (repent appears 80X in the Bible)**
- “Fall Away” in Hebrew 6:6 refer to those Messianic believers under persecution returns to their Mosaic Laws that they are saved by observing the LAW

Yeshua 5 Letters to the 7 Churches...Repent

1. “2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you **repent**” – **Church of Ephesus**
2. “2:16 **Repent**, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.” – **Church of Pergamos**
3. “2:22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they **repent** of their deeds.” – **Church of Thyatira**
4. “3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and **repent**. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.” – **Church of Sardis**
5. “3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and **repent**.” – **Church of Laodicean**

The Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur

16 ¹Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered *profane fire* before the LORD, and died; ² and the LORD said to Moses: “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. ³ “Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy *Place*: with *the blood of* a young bull as a sin offering, and *of* a ram as a burnt offering. ⁴ He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These *are* holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. ⁵ And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel ***two kids of the goats as a sin offering***, and one ram as a burnt offering.





The Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur

⁶ “Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷ He shall take the **two goats** and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁸ Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. ⁹ And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the **LORD’s lot fell**, and offer it *as* a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat on which the lot fell to be the **scapegoat** shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, *and* to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

Go Back to
Content Again
– The Book of
Hebrews
written to the
Diaspora Jews

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; **3** who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Why Go Back to the Context of the Book

- The Book of Hebrews was written specifically to address Messianic Jews returning to Judaism due to persecution by the Religious Jews
- The ***Law does not save sinners but condemn them***
- Observing Sabbaths, the Feasts of the Lord and physical circumcisions do not save them
- ***Only by the Blood of Yeshua*** and receives by Faith His redeeming blood shed for us
- THEN Why do CMC celebrate the Sabbaths and the Feasts?
- ***Not for Salvation BUT*** for knowing GOD's heart deeper and knowing Him better!

Christian Liberty – Galatians 5:1-6

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that ***if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.*** ³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. ⁵ For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶ ***For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.***




Go Back to Context

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Leads to (2) What does this warning mean?

BUT...With
God All
Things Are
Possible!

²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ But He said, “***The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.***”
– Luke 18:24-26



Re-Cap

- Book of Hebrew was written by an unknown Jewish leader for the Messianic Diaspora Community
- Yeshua is God and is supreme in every way
- Feast of Atonement where two goats are represented to the Altar
 - One killed and its blood atones for the sins of the nation, representing Yeshua's sacrificial blood for Redemption-Salvation for those who accept HIM – Once and for all
 - One Scape goat lead to die in the wilderness and never to return, representing our need to die daily of unintentional sins
 - When we repent there is forgiveness of sin
- Apostasy takes place when we reject God
- Those who denied GOD after tasting HIS goodness is impossible to return BUT
- With GOD nothing is Impossible!

Preparation

1. Examine Yourself

- a) ⁵ Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. *Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?*—unless indeed you are disqualified.” – 2 Corinthians 13:5
- b) You are not a Christians because, your parents are Christians, you have live a good life, served the church faithfully, and done great things for God.

2. Encourage Yourself

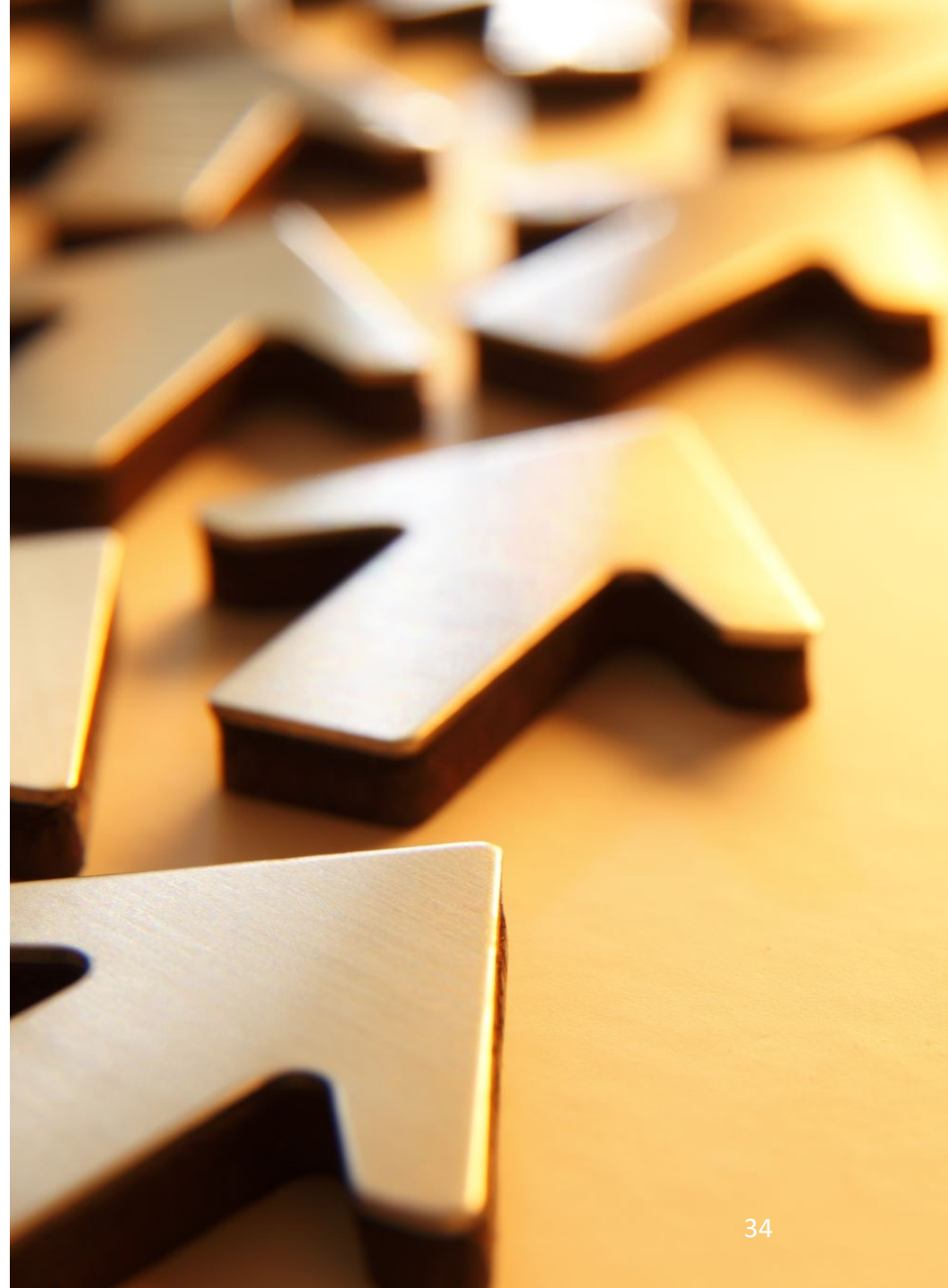
- a) ⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.” – 1 Sam 30:6

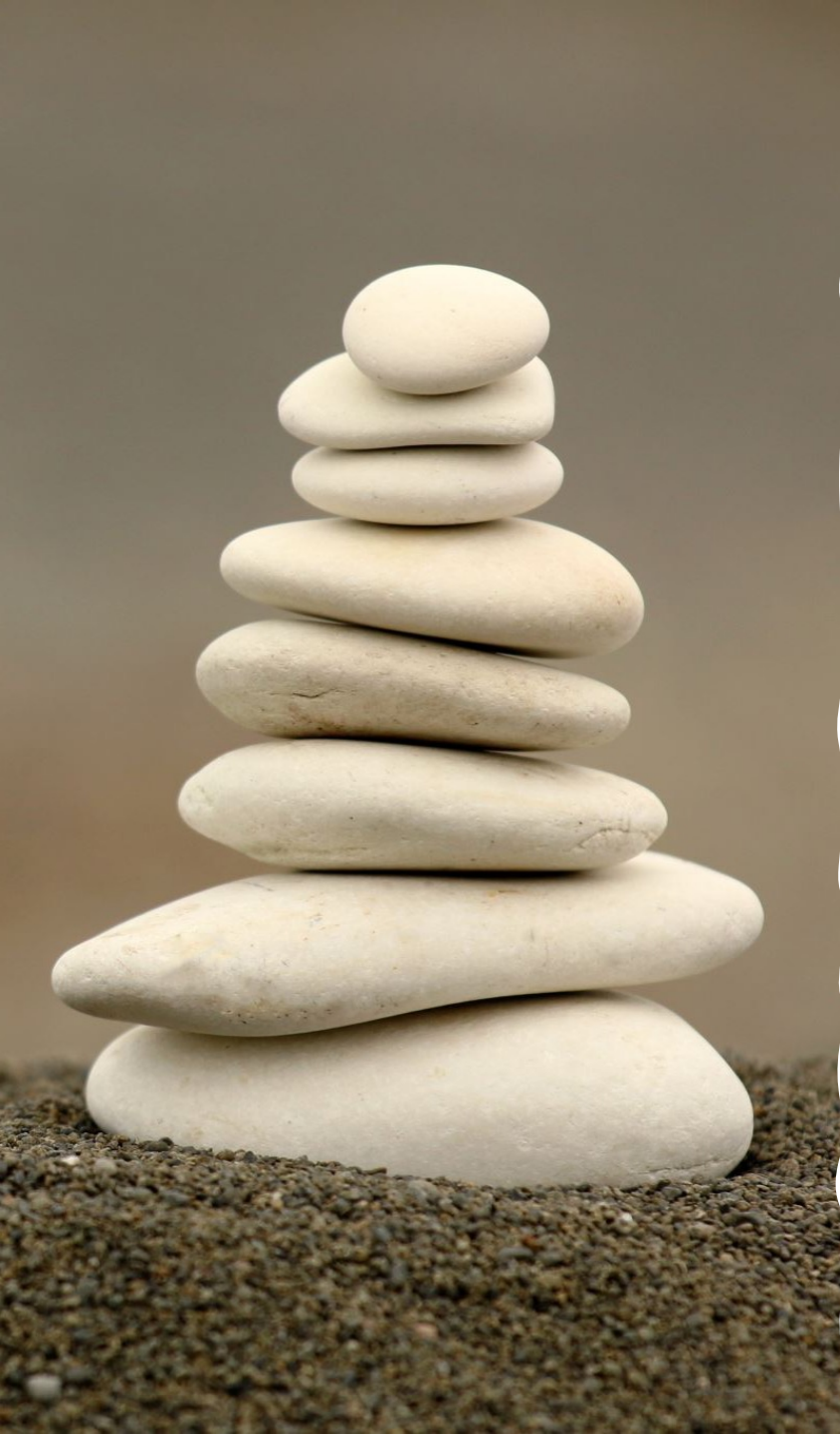
Apostasy overcome by Truth

- “¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” – John 17:17
- ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.*” – Isaiah 8:20

How Do We Best Prepare?

- Guided by the Holy Spirit
- Know the Word
- Be Prayerful
- Return to Hebraic Roots of the BIBLE – NOT Mosaic Laws and be a ONE New Man in Yeshua
- Full Restoration takes place before Yeshua's Return – Acts 3:21





2 Thessalonians 2:14-17

- “¹⁴ to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ *Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.*
- ¹⁶ *Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.*



Let's Pray
