

# Apostasy: Negative Responses to the New Covenant, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Hebrews 10.
- B. It is often that the things we do not get over destroy us.
- C. Apostasy is knowing the gospel, identifying with it and then walking away.
- D. There are many characteristics of apostasy.
- E. Blasphemy of the Spirit is attributing the works of Jesus and the Spirit to Satan. One cannot be forgiven when one has seen a display of Jesus' divinity. (Matthew 12)
- F. Apostasy is having all the revelation and not coming to Christ because there is nothing God can do.

II. Apostates do not continue in the faith. (1 John 2:19, 3:9)

- A. It is impossible for Satan to be renewed because he is apostate.
- B. There is no more sacrifice for those who have walked away. There is only severe and real judgment. (Luke 16, 2 Peter 3:10, Revelation 6:15-17, Numbers 30:6)
- C. There are degrees of sin. The worst is apostasy. (John 19, Acts 17:3)

III. Apostates do not set apart Christ's sacrifice as a holy thing. (John 17)

IV. Apostates despise the Spirit of grace.

V. Apostates are called to remember the first experience in the community of faith and look forward to receiving the promise in hope. Apostates are to hold on to the belief they have until they experience saving faith.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to be apostate?

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2. How does one reconcile the security of the believer with the reality of apostasy? Explain.

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3. How should apostasy be addressed in the church? Explain.

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