

The Road to Unbelief

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I. Introduction.

A. Concerns about modern Christianity.

1. Christianity is about sacrifice not worldly concerns.
2. Christians have forgot the Devil is playing for keeps.
 - a. It is difficult to tell the Christian from the non-Christian from their lives today.
 - b. We need to hold onto the biblical meaning of words. The simple gospel is the power of God for salvation. (Jeremiah 15:19; 2 Corinthians 11:3)
3. One person totally committed to Christ can change mounds of lives. (2 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Timothy 3; Matthew 24:11-12; Mark 4:19)

B. Text: Psalm 106:12ff.

II. The steps to unbelief.

- A. Ingratitude. (Romans 1:21)
- B. Impatience. (Isaiah 30; 28:16; Psalm 37:24; Proverbs 19:2)
- C. Love of the world. (1 John 2:15-16; 1 Timothy 6:10; Proverbs 11:4, 28)
- D. Jealousy. (Acts 13; Proverbs 14:30; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:1)
- E. Idolatry. We become like what we worship.(Psalm 115:4-8)

III. The results of unbelief.

- A. People sit out instead of standing on the promises.
- B. People complain. (Jude 16; 1 Corinthians 10:10)
- C. They quit listening to God. (Proverbs 28:9)
- D. Sexual sin crept in.
- E. They were blatantly disobedient to God.
- F. They sacrificed they own flesh.

IV. Suggestions on how to come back.

- A. Set your heart back on God. (Colossians 3)

B. Recognize the reality of the battle. (Romans 12:1-2)

1. Be sensitive to your condition. (Hosea 7:9; Judges 16:20)

2. Be equipped with the Word. (Ephesians 6:17)

C. Praise God and give thanksgiving. Know that God remembers his covenant. (2 Timothy 2:13)

D. Be willing to pay the price of availability.

E. Maintain Christian fellowship. (Proverbs 28:23; Ezekiel 3:20; Leviticus 19:17)

Application questions:

1. How have you seen the steps of unbelief in others? How have you seen some of them in you?

2. How can you encourage others to protect themselves from unbelief?

3. Why is recognizing the battle such a big part of keeping from unbelief?
