

Are you falling?
Gal 1:3-4
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Thesis: I want to show the signs and dangers of falling away.

Intro:

1. One of the saddest things today is seeing the faithful drift away.
2. We see the blatant disregard for the Gift of Christ. (Empathy, lack of respect, etc)
3. We see the disrespect and the lack of seriousness in regards to teaching. (talking during lessons, phones being on, etc; when doing these things we say God is 2nd)
4. At one point or another we are all faced with the decision of what to do.

I. What are some signs of falling away? We will look at two big problems.

A. First, is forsaking the assembly.

1. So many have excuses for this, but if you are able to be at services one should be there. (There are those who only come for the morning lesson and others only for the Lord's supper. Why? Some think that you can worship how YOU want to worship, and not how God has instructed.)

2. Why would one who proclaims to love the Lord, and be a Christian, willfully forsake the assembly where the saints gather to worship the Father? (answer, because its simply not important to you, God is 2nd or 3rd or 4th and not #1!!)

B. Second, worshiping in vain is another sign of falling away.

1. The idea of simply coming and going through the motions.

2. Some come with the attitude of, "well I guess I HAVE to be here. Such attitudes are sinful.

C. The Lord is worthy of worship is He not? He is worthy of Praise isn't He? (**Gal 1:3-4**)

II. It comes from a lack of Discipline.

A. Parents fail in being faithful themselves, and allow others to run their lives. (children run the house) **Pro 1:8**

1. Parents must set the example, you must teach them what faithfulness is and the importance of it. (**Eph 6:4**)

2. When parents are laced in their idea of faithfulness, the children will be even more so.

B. Children Following (**Pro 22:6**)

1. It's sad when we see our young people, the future of the church, slipping in their faithfulness. (skipping services, wearing inappropriate clothing, etc)

2. its worse when they show an out-right disregard and disrespect for the Lord. (refusing to sing, etc)

III. Results of falling away. (**2 Peter 3:17**)

A. We will slip or fall away we fall away from Christ.

1. We put ourselves out of fellowship with Christ. (**1 Jn 1:6**)

2. We put ourselves at risk of the judgment.

B. We are a poor example to others.

1. Others see our "shallow" or "non-existence" faithful, and think its ok. (**Rom 1:32**)

2. When not repented of quickly, the problem only grows and the heart will harden.

Conc:

1. How do we avoid falling away? (**Jude v.20-21**)
2. How do we come back if we do fall away? (**Jude v.23**)
3. What are you going to do, when the time comes?
4. Invitation.