

Why Some Fall  
2 Cor 13:5  
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Thesis: I want to bring out some simple basic truths about falling away & apostasy.

Intro:

1. What are some reasons people fall away; the list, honestly is very long.
2. Let's consider together some points about apostasy & falling away from the faith.

I. Some Get Distracted

A. Disobedience

1. Getting distracted by our jobs, families, friends or the world-obedience creeps into our daily lives.

2. **Hebrews 3:18-19**

B. Living after the flesh

1. Those whose life revolves around the world, materialism.

2. **Romans 8:13**

II. Others reasons people fall away

A. Some never develop enough to "fly solo"

1. **Ecc 12:1**; we must teach them early what is real faith & obedience.

2. **Psalms 119:9-11**

B. Some will never be **truly** converted

1. Somewhere never actually converted, some have no idea what it means to be faithful.

2. Some had no idea what being a Christian includes so they were never truly converted because they have never truly desired to be actually faithful to God.

2. **Mt 13:20-21**

III. Who are the fallen?

1. Those overtaken in fault(sin); **Gal 6:1**

2. Those who are walking disorderly, those willfully in sin & refuse repentance

a. **2 Thess 3:6, Hebrews 10:26**

3. Those who have forsaken Christ for this world (**2 Tim 4:10**)

4. Those causing division.

a. Those who stand for error & those who will not stand for truth

b. **Romans 16:17**

Conc:

1. How God sees the condition of the erring

a. Not in fellowship with Him (**1 Jn 1:7-9**)

b. Loss of that person's soul (**Mt 16:26**)

c. They have returned to their own vomit, mud & sin in general (**2 Pt 2:20-22**)

**Hear**

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Believe**

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Repent**

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

**Confess**

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Be baptized**

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

**Remain Faithful**

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.