

## Demonism (part 19)

(Continuation of the study of the ten ways Satan is effectively paving the way for the Antichrist)

**#1, Globalism, One-World Order.**

**#2, Occultism.**

**#3, Apostasy.**

**#4, Worldwide Web.**

**#5, Animosity towards Israel.**

**#6, Buildup of the kings of the east, Asian power.**

**#7, Buildup of the king of the north, Russian power.**

**#8, Buildup of Europe (the European Common Market), the Revived Roman Empire.**

**#9, Preparation of the Jews to accept the False Prophet.**

**#10, Destruction of the United States.**

(continuation of **#3 Apostasy**)

8. Protestant Apostasy. In our previous study we noted the apostasy of the Roman Catholic State Church, we now turn to the apostasy in Protestantism.
  - a. The word *apostasy* is a compound of two Greek words *apo* (“away from”) and *istimi* (“to stand”). It means to stand away from where one used to stand. In scriptural language, this refers to a doctrinal shifting from formerly held orthodox biblical teachings.
  - b. It is clear from Colossians and Galatians that the two key doctrines subject to erosion are the person and work of Jesus Christ. It is significant that all cults and deviations from biblical Christianity err in one or both of these doctrines. We see this in Roman Catholicism, which teaches a works-oriented salvation; cults, such as the Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons, who deny both the deity of Christ and salvation by faith alone in Christ alone; and also classical liberalism, which finds both the deity of Jesus and His substitutionary atonement intellectually untenable.

- c. Confidential survey of 10,000 Protestant pastors by sociologist Jeffrey Haddon has revealed that the majority of ministers have lost their faith.
  - 1) When asked if they still believed that Jesus was God, over 45 percent of the ministers said no.
  - 2) An astonishing 80 percent of ministers rejected both the claim that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the claim that Jesus is the Son of God.
  - 3) Thirty-six percent of these pastors do not believe that Jesus Christ actually rose from the dead.
- d. Any pastor who has abandoned the fundamentals of the Christian faith should be honest enough to leave the church instead leading believers astray with their false teachings.
- e. The rejection of fundamental doctrines explains why these religious leaders are willing to abandon the theological differences that have separated the Protestant and Catholic churches over the years and instead join in a powerful ecumenical one-world church of the last days.
- f. The apostate church of the end times will be a church with the lowest-common denominator faith, one that holds almost no fundamental doctrines other than the secular humanism and a pagan, idolatrous worship of “the god within.”
- g. The Bible is explicit regarding the apostate church in the end times preceding the Rapture:
  - 1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
  - 2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

- h. Every believer must make sure that the Word of God is the issue in his life and in the church he attends. If the pastor does not hold to the Word of God, then you should not sit under his teaching regardless of how nice he is or uplifting the message might be. The issue in your life and in the church you support must be Bible doctrine!

2 Timothy 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. 32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

- i. Apart from Bible doctrine and the spiritual life, the believer will be deceived and fall into rank apostasy and reversionism via secularism or religionism. Of course, when one is deceived he is unaware of it: he is deceived.

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

j. Diagram of the major features of apostate doctrineless Christianity.

Doctrinal Christianity	Apostate Christianity
Virgin Birth	Human Christ Indwelt by God
Vicarious Atonement	His Death was an Example
Bodily resurrection	No resurrection
Inerrant Scripture	Human Book with Errors
Divine Creation	Evolution
Depraved Humanity	Man is Perfectible
Only God is God	Man can be a god

k. There must never be any compromise with false doctrine—none! It must be opposed and refuted at any cost. There can only be one remedy for false doctrine: *Écrasez l'infâme*.

Safe and Sound in Him,

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