

The Great Apostasy (Falling Away)

1 Timothy 4:1



A Warning From the Spirit

This warning is of Great Importance.

The Spirit uses the term:

Expressly

or

Explicitly



Def. of Expressly (Explicitly)

- **“Fully Revealed”**
- **“Leaving No Question as to its meaning”**

Example:

Explicit Instructions

Explicit Books or Movies



What is the Spirit Saying???

1 Timothy 4:1

- ✓ **This will happen**
- ✓ **Some will Depart from the Faith**
- ✓ **Giving into Deceptions**
- ✓ **Giving into Doctrines that are Contrary**



Apostasy Foretold

Many Times in Scripture

Acts 20:27-31 “Declaring the Whole Gospel”

This includes Teaching about:

Galatians 5:22-23 (Fruits of the Spirit)

and

Acts 20:27-31 (False Doctrines)



2 Words from Gal. 5:22-23

Faithfulness:

To What???

(Love of The Truth)

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love Rejoices in Truth

Love Believes All Truth

Love Endures False Doctrines



2 Words from Gal. 5:22-23

**Self-Control:
To What???**

(Feelings, Emotions)

James 1:12-20

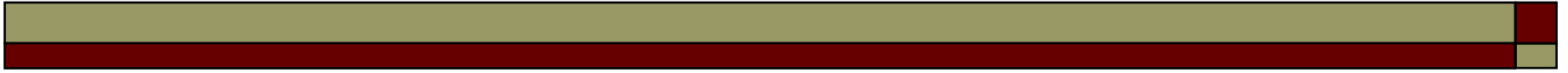
Endure Temptation	(To False Doctrines)
God Doesn't Tempt	(God isn't changing)
Drawn Away by Desires	(To False Doctrines)
God Doesn't Vary	(No Turning to Another)
God's Word is Truth	(Not man's Word)
Our Responsibility	(Listen, Control Tongue)



We May Know How To Conduct Ourselves (1 Tim. 3:15)

Therefore every Effort and Instruction has been given to us by God on Faithfulness to His Word.

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| <u>PROMISES</u> from God | (Rev. 2:10) |
| <u>WARNINGS</u> from God | (1 Timothy 4:1) |
| <u>INSTRUCTIONS</u> from God | (2 Thess. 3:14) |
| <u>GUIDANCE</u> from God | (2 Thess. 2:15-17) |





1 Timothy 4:2-5

5 Things Mentioned

1. Speaking Lies
2. Hypocrisy
3. Conscience Seared (Hot Iron)
4. Forbidding to Marry
5. Abstaining From Foods



Speaking Lies (Religiously)

Done for Centuries and Still Going

Lies spread for so long that they seem as Fact

Lies done in Hypocrisy:

(Saying we follow the Scriptures then NOT)

[Completely Lost when it comes to True Religion]



Matthew Henry's Commentary States

“If men had not their consciences seared as with a hot iron, they could never maintain a power to dispense with oaths for the good of the catholic cause, could never maintain that no faith is to be kept with heretics, could never divest themselves of all remains of humanity and compassion, and clothe themselves with the most barbarous cruelty, under pretence of promoting the interest of the church.”



2 Blatant Lies

Forbidding to Marry

Abstaining From Foods

Why are these mentioned Specifically???

This definitely shows Knowledge from God.



Forbidding to Marry (WHY)

Scripture gives us Understanding About Marriage.

Reason: Companionship

Genesis 2:20-25

Purpose: Be Fruitful and Multiply the Earth

Genesis 1:27-28



When did Forbidding to Marry Begin???

FACT: 385 AD Began the roots of this doctrine

**FACT: 1079 AD Celibacy was Enforced by,
Pope Gregory VII**

**FACT: Today Priests and Bishops can choose,
But it is more common to not marry**

Here is the PROBLEM

There was and is always a difference between a
Preacher and a (Bishop or Elder or Pastor)

 same person 

Ephesians 4:11-14

The problem lies within the Hierarchy of Command or
Order in the Catholic church



Qualifications

Preachers:

Know the word,

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Elders, Bishops, Pastors, Shepherds:

Husband, Father, Knowledgeable in the word
of God.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Acts 20:28



Are Suggestions given in Scripture about Not Marrying???

1 Corinthians 7:6-9

Matthew 19:11-12

If this world would READ further in the Scriptures
this problem wouldn't exist.

1 Corinthians 7:25-40



To make it a Command Not to Marry
would be Adding to God's Word.

Rev. 22:18-19

Deut. 4:6

Therefore we saw this happen in 1079 AD and
still see the roots grow and change and try to
become justified by any means.





Commanding to Abstain From Foods

Do we have to???

Is it commanded in Scripture???

**Let's begin with again Roman Catholics
and**

Lent



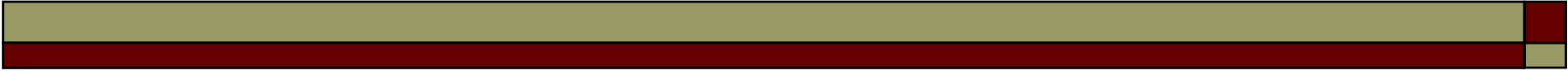
Lent (Origins)

Began around the 5th Century A.D.

(But cannot be pinpointed on exact date)

Lent is for 40 days before easter

Beginning with Carnival or Mardi Gras



Were these days Observed in the New Testament church???

Jesus spoke of Fasting

Matt. 6:16-18

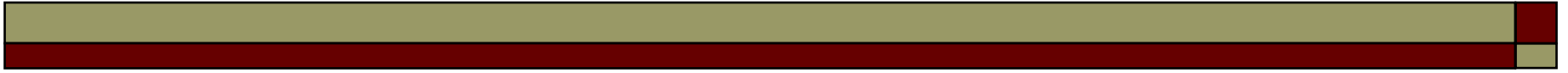
The apostles followed

Matt. 9:14-17

They fasted when Necessary:

Matt 4:4-10

Matt. 17:20-21





Did the First Century church hold to Old Testament Days and Ceremonies??

Yes, but for Reasons of Not Knowing or Willingly

Romans 14:1-8 Observed Days out of
Weakness to the scriptures. vs 1

Galatians 4:8-20 Observed Days out of
Willfulness, Willingness, and Wickedness vs 9



Galatians 4:9

“Weak and Beggarly Elements”

“Observance of Days, Weeks, Months, Years”

According to Old Law.

Leviticus 23:4-6

Exodus 12:2

Exodus 12:15-20

Leviticus 23:15-16



We have been FREED from the
Old Law

Galatians 2:14-21 3:1-25

**“No Longer under a Tutor
(the Law)”**



(Not Justified by the Law)

Galatians 2:16, 19, 21

Galatians 3:10, 11, 13, 25,

Galatians 5: 1-6,



Romans 14:1-23

**Do not put a “Stumbling Block” in a
Brothers way. vs. 21**

Notice verses: 19-23

Pursue Peace and Edification

Don't Destroy God's Work for Food

Have Faith in Yourself to God (Not from others)

Happy is he that gives thanks to God for Food.



The Problem

People think it is Blasphemy to NOT Celebrate Christmas and Easter, or (Holy Day.) or the opposite.

**If you Celebrate Christ birth do so Yourself.
If you Celebrate Christ Death do so Yourself.**



Notice Romans 14:12

**We will Give account on how we purpose in our
Hearts the importance of Christ:
Birth, Death and
Resurrection.**

Should it be Daily or Twice a Year???

Let us think about How Godliness is Attained?



Godliness attained by:

Growing in Grace and Knowledge	2 Peter 3:18
Adding Christian Virtues	2 Peter 5:1-11
Studying Daily	2 Timothy 2:15
Searching Scripture Daily	Acts 17:10-11
Not Forsaking Assembly	Hebrews 10:25
Diligent Prayer life	1 Thess. 5:17
Giving	1 Cor. 16:2
Going toward Heaven	Phil. 2:11-14



Godliness is NOT:

Outward Appearance:

1 Samuel 16:7

2 Corinthians 10:7

A Form of Godliness

2 Timothy 3:5

One Day Religion

Matt. 6:33

Showing Partiality

Acts 10:35



They Apostle Paul Handled the Situations Correctly. (Romans, Galatia)

1 Timothy 4:2-5

Therefore commanding to abstain from
Foods for a
“Holy Day or Days” is wrong.

God has cleansed all things and given us all things to
be received in Thanksgiving.

The Commercialization of Lent



Lent: per Roman Catholic Encyclopedia,
Fasting, Repentance, Cleaning, Self Denial,
Christian Growth, Penitence, Conversion,
Simplicity.