

Remaining Faithful

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John 6:53 (KJV) — 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

John 6:60, 61 (KJV) — 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

John 6:62, 63 (KJV) — 62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:64–66 (KJV) — 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side.

(The Great Controversy, p. 608.2a)

Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls.

They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 608.2b)

John 7:1 (KJV) — 1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

**John 7:5 (KJV) — 5 For neither did his brethren believe
in him.**

**John 1:11 (KJV) — 11 He came unto his own, and his
own received him not.**

John 7:6, 7 (KJV) — 6 . . . My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

John 7:12 (KJV) — 12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

**2 Timothy 3:12, 13 (KJV) — 12 Yea, and all that will live
godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men
and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being
deceived.**

John 16:1, 2 (KJV) — 1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

**John 16:3 (KJV) — 3 And these things will they do unto you,
because they have not known the Father, nor me.**

**Isaiah 5:20 (KJV) — 20 Woe unto them that call evil good,
and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for
darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

Revelation 12:17 (KJV) — 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

John 15:20 (KJV) — 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

John 16:4 (KJV) — 4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

Matthew 24:12 (KJV) — 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Revelation 14:12 (KJV) — 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

. . . men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. (*Education*, p. 57.3)

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (KJV) — 9 . . . with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

**Matthew 24:24 (KJV) — 24 . . . if it were possible, they shall
deceive the very elect.**

**Ephesians 6:11 (KJV) — 11 Put on the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**





**1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)
— 8 Be sober, be
vigilant; because
your adversary the
devil, as a roaring
lion, walketh
about, seeking
whom he may
devour:**

**1 Timothy 4:1 (KJV) — 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,
that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith,
giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

2 Timothy 2:19 (KJV) — 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Revelation 17:14 (KJV) — 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.



**2 Timothy 2:3, 4 (KJV) — 3 Thou therefore endure hardness,
as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth
entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may
please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

Ephesians 6:12 (KJV) — 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places

After a long and severe conflict, the faithful few decided to dissolve all union with the apostate church if she still refused to free herself from falsehood and idolatry. They saw that separation was an absolute necessity if they would obey the word of God. They dared not tolerate errors fatal to their own souls, and set an example which would imperil the faith of their children and children's children. To secure peace and unity they were ready to make any concession consistent with fidelity to God; but they felt that even peace would be too dearly purchased at the sacrifice of principle. If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 45.3)

1 Timothy 6:12 (KJV) — 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Peter 1:5 (KJV) — 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Romans 12:9 (KJV) — 9 Let love be without dissimulation.
Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**

Jude 24 (KJV) — 24 . . . is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

**Revelation 2:10 (KJV) — 10 . . . be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give thee a crown of life.**