

Avoiding Apostasy

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What Can Be Done?

- **Elders**

- Take heed to themselves (Acts 20:28)
- Feed the flock (Acts 20:28)
- Guard the flock (Acts 20:29-31)
- Resist error (Titus 1:9-14; Jude 20-23)

What Can Be Done?

- *Preachers*

- Preach the word (2 Tim. 4:1-5)
- Preach all the word (Acts 20:27)
- Preach it in love (Eph. 4:15)

What Can Be Done?

- **Members**

- Know the truth (Eph. 4:12-14; Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Pet. 1:1-12; 1 Jno. 4:1)
- Support the truth (2 Tim. 4:3-5)
- Don't be fooled
 - As to the meaning of Christianity
 - As to the work of the church
 - As to what produces strong faith

Is It Important?

Important?

Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Important?

1 Cor. 15:1,2

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

Important?

Galatians 1:6-8

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Important?

1 Tim. 4:16

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Important?

2 John 1:9, 10

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;