



2 Timothy

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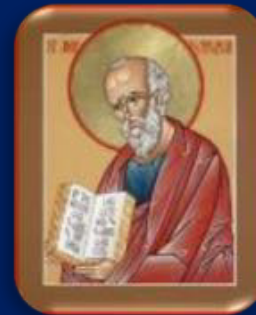
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2 Timothy 4

# 2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

# Answering Nine Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
- 4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? – Perseverance
- 8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word



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Ten Metaphors Illustrating  
Endurance



# Ten Metaphors

- Teacher (2:2)
- Soldier (2:3-4)
- Athlete (2:5)
- Farmer (2:6)
- Christ (2:7-8)
- Paul (2:9-10)
- Trustworthy statement (2:11-13)
- Workman (2:14-18)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
- Servant (2:24-26)



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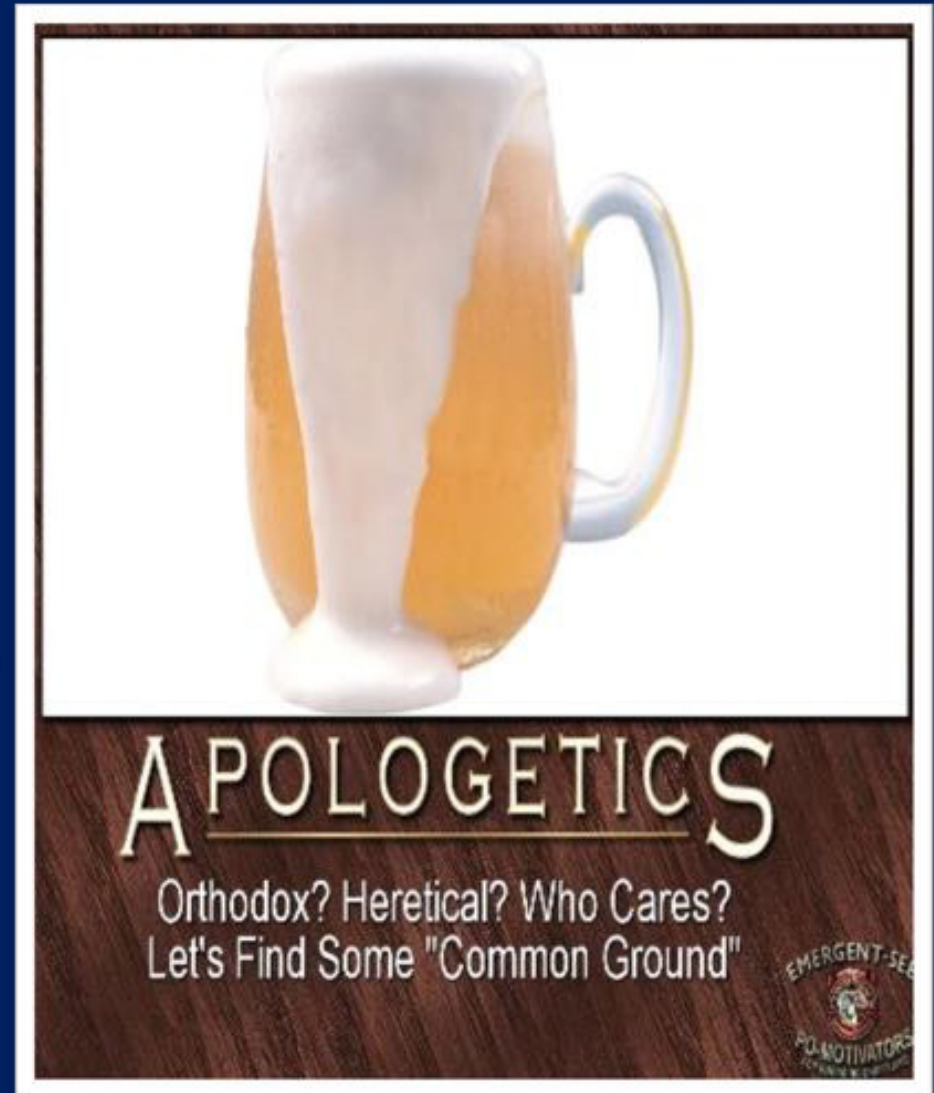
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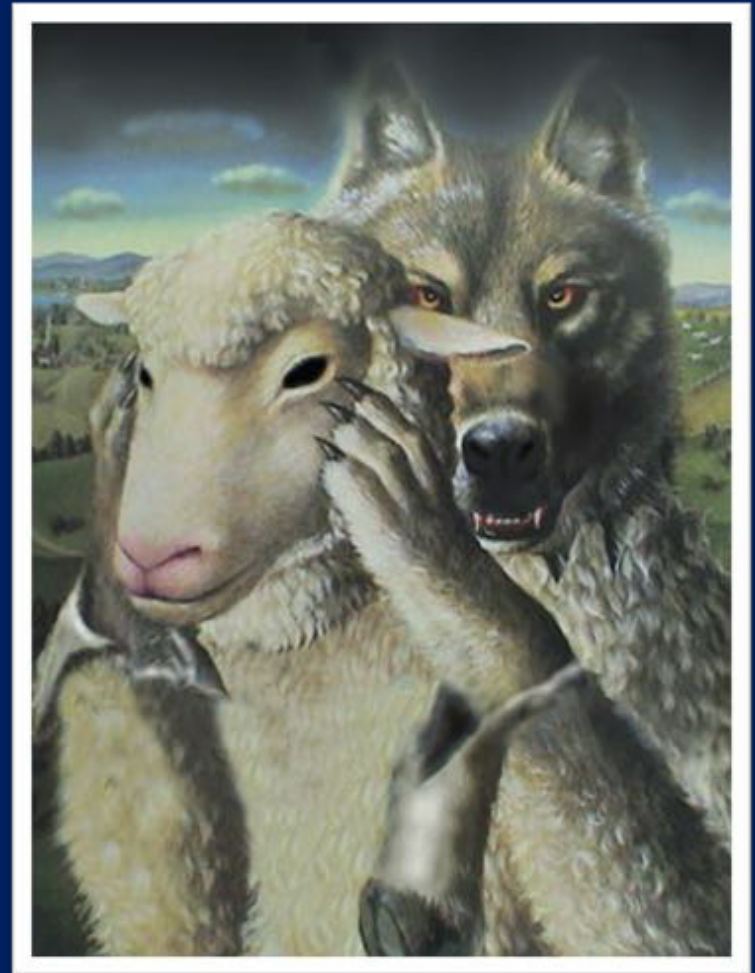
# Definition of Apostasy

- *apos* = away from
- *histēmi* = to stand
- Apostasy = to stand away from
- Apostasy = a departure from known (or previously embraced) truth

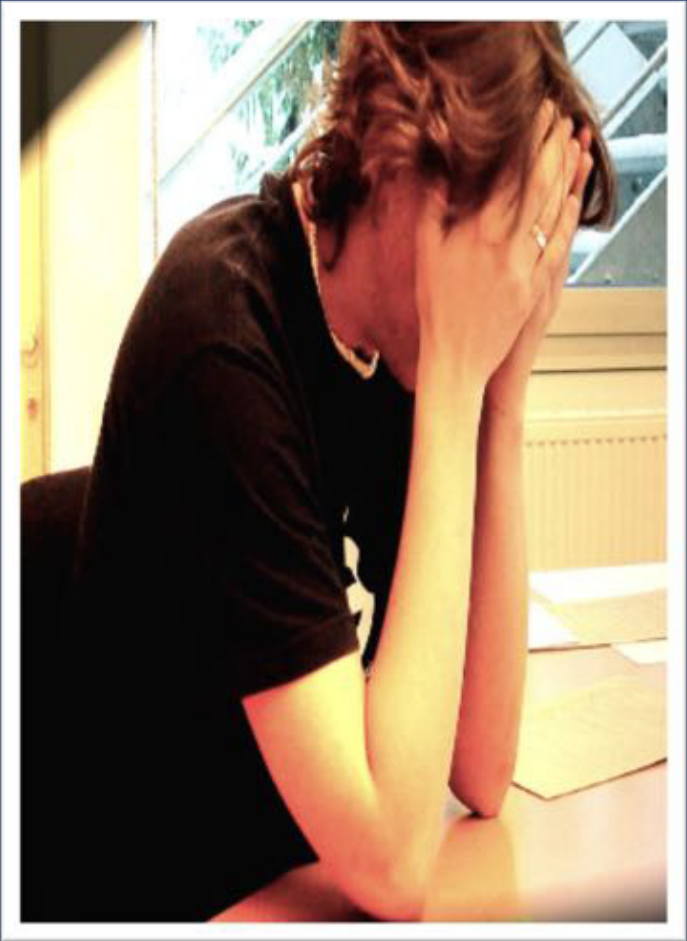


# Ten Characteristics of Apostasy

- 1) Sign of the last days
- 2) A massive NT subject
- 3) Impacts every major doctrine
- 4) Primarily internal
- 5) Knows no limits



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- 6) Can happen quickly
- 7) Satanically energized
- 8) Destructive
- 9) Makes life difficult for the man of God
- 10) Impacts those who have not taken preventive measures



# 2 Timothy 3:1–4:6

What to Do in the  
Midst of the Apostasy

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## 2 Tim 3:2-4

### ■ Lovers of self (vs. 2)

- ◆ Lovers of \$
- ◆ Boastful
- ◆ Arrogant
- ◆ Blasphemers
- ◆ Disobedient to parents
- ◆ Unthankful
- ◆ Unloving
- ◆ Unholy
- ◆ Unforgiving
- ◆ Slanderers
- ◆ Without self-control
- ◆ Brutal
- ◆ Haters of good
- ◆ Treacherous
- ◆ Reckless
- ◆ Conceited
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### ■ Rather than lovers of God (vs. 4)



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## Ephesians 2:8-9



"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

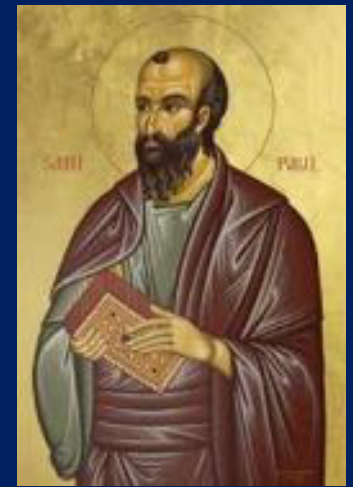
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# Hall of the Humbled (1 Peter 5:5)

- Satan (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17; 1 Tim 3:6)
- Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 4)
- Herod (Acts 12:20-23)
- Paul (2 Cor 12:1-10)





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