

# 1 John 2:15

"Love not the <u>world</u>, neither the things that are in the <u>world</u>. If any man love the <u>world</u>, the love of the Father is not in him."



# **Two Kingdoms**

Christ has a kingdom. (1 Timothy 6:15; 2 Samuel 7:14ff; Daniel 2:44; Acts 2; Hebrews 12:28)

Satan has a kingdom. John 14:28-31; 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2

### **Constant Conflict**

Satan continues to work through the flesh to gain control of the spirit.

- Christ continues to work to conquer the flesh and control the spirit.
  - This he does by the word. "Go make disciples..." "Go preach..." Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; teach, Titus 2:11
  - You choose. Romans 6:16ff

### Warning:

- 2 Peter 2:20 "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first."
- 2 Timothy 4:10 "for Demas forsook me, having <u>loved this present world</u>..." cf. Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24)

### Gradual Return To The World

- Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we <u>drift away</u> (from them)." "lest at any time we should <u>let them slip</u>" (KJV)
- Drifting ... Galatians 2:5; 5:4; Luke 9:62; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 6:1
- The mighty fall. cf. 2 Samuel 1:25

# **Reasons For Drifting**

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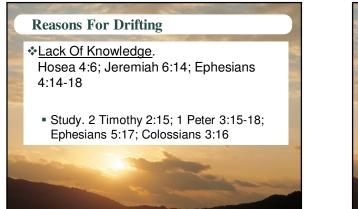
 cf. Matthew 22:5; Hebrews 2:3;
 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Romans
 12:2; 1 Peter 4:1-4; Matthew 19:3-9; Jude 3; Luke 14:15; Genesis 3.

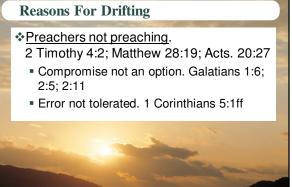
### **Reasons For Drifting**

#### Deceived.

- Hebrews 3:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:7; Titus 3:3; Acts 26:9-11 • Cares of the world, deceitful. Matthew 13:22
- Weariness. cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Acts 14:22

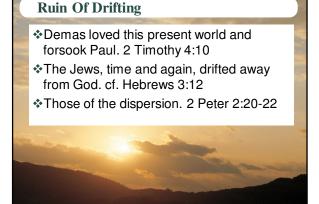






# **Reasons For Drifting**

Efforts To Serve Two Masters. Matthew 6:24; Matthew 19:16-22; James 4:4; Matthew 16:24



## How To Prevent Drifting

- Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the <u>more earnest heed</u> to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away (from them)."
- Must be consistent. Hebrews 2:2-3; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58

### **How To Prevent Drifting**

#### \* Definitions:

- "<u>Heed</u>" proséchœ "To have in addition, to hold the mind or the ear toward someone ... to pay attention. As a nautical term, it means to hold a ship in a direction, to sail towards ... it means to hold on one's course toward a place." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- "<u>More earnest</u>" perissoteroos "properly, more abundantly; in the N.T. more, in a greater degree; more earnestly, more exceedingly, Mark 15:14" (Thayer)

# **Reward For NOT Drifting**

A crown of life. Revelation 2:10
A crown of righteousness. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
An inheritance in heaven. 1 Peter 1:3-5
Share the Lord's throne. Revelation 3:21



### **Conclusion:**

Let us do so in view of the possibility of our drifting back into the world.

2 Corinthians 13:5 "Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves."

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Let us remember that we have <u>hell</u> to shun and <u>heaven</u> to gain.

I John 2:16-17 "For all that is in <u>the world</u>, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of <u>the world</u>. And <u>the world</u> passeth away, and the lust thereof: <u>but he that doeth the will of God</u> <u>abideth for ever</u>."