

# The Final Apostasy

We have all witnessed the slow slide into apostasy. What is apostasy? *Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.* The dictionary says, "an abandonment of one's religious faith." Apostate, one who forsakes his faith or principles. We have witnessed a *governor,* doctor, a pediatrician in fact, sworn by his Hippocratic oath to do no harm, has openly and matter of factly declared that it was his practice to take the baby's life after birth **if the mother so desires.** 

God gave us the command to make no idols because He Himself made His own idol so to speak, His own image, which was man, made in His image and likeness. Then God declared that there be no other images: For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. Deut 4:24.

Gen 9:6 Whoso sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. The meaning of Gen 9:6 is that all life is sacred and no one could take that life by shedding their blood. Was the 'tissue' in the womb considered a life? Absolutely. Is shedding that little one's blood apostasy? How did America get to this place in time that we kill babies in the womb and even after birth if the mother so desires. How did we come to the place where a bill before the Senate of the United States Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act failed to pass. But in truth, this has been happening long before now, he was just stating what was the common procedure. Not rather like the Hebrew midwives in Egypt when told to kill the male Hebrew babies, they But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. Ex 1:17

Of course, it is apostasy and rebellion against God's natural order. The fight for 'Women's Rights" which means the right to an abortion, has completely relieved the father of any right or responsibility to his unborn child. This is huge corruption in the family and order in the home. But look deeper, 'Women's Rights" also included the right to have sex, whenever, however, and with whomever they wanted. Apostasy. She also had the "right" to birth control. Now the innocent child of such apostasy must be gotten rid of so the mother will not be encumbered by having to raise him. His blood must be shed.

In God's plan, he created humans so that at birth there is a bonding that occurs to ensure the helpless child will survive, even thrive. This bond, between mother and child is a biological bond as well an emotional one. We hear tell of "Tiger Moms". Jesus mentioned this bond and compared his bond with us to it. *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? <u>vea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.</u> Isa 49:15 God protected the unborn from harm also in <i>Ex 21:22-23 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give <u>life for life</u>. (God is calling the unborn a 'life')* 

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Tim 3:1-6 We are here because the Church failed to resist.



Sir, Madam, I'm in the PAL Program Institute in Basic Life Principles, a bible-based program. I was born in Clewiston and raised partly in Sebring and surrounding areas. I was in Highlands County Jail back in 2006, and I was in the Jaza Program and I believe Mrs. Sala taught one of the classes and it made one heck of an impression on me! I've been to prison several times and Mr. Sala had a few books and I know that Jesus Christ changed your life!

Let me explain why I think this time might be different for me. I had twin baby girls around July of last year, my first kids. I feel I've had a troubled life because I was never able to get over my dad divorcing my mother and having to live under the roof with a young step-mother who I felt didn't like the idea of him having three kids. I've lived a pretty hard life. I'm scared my girls will have to grow up in a dysfunctional family. There is one person who can change that and that's Jesus Christ.

I would like to do the 16 course bible study, but also being in one of Mrs. Salas classes and it was on parenting, is there a chance y'all might have a study on parenting I could do? Since I have been in prison one of the girls broke her leg and DCF was called and some of the mother's family has got them. Thank you, Jesus! I'm sure I will have to go through a lot to get them back. I get out around February next year and I'm trying to prepare for the victory that Jesus has already accomplished. C.

Marriage & Family Class

I learned so much in this class. First thing I learned was that in order to be the man, woman, husband, wife and parent that you were created to be you must have some type of order and foundation. How you get that order is to be reunited with the God of order and when you're united with God you encounter a godly love. Now you become able to prioritize life's responsibilities. Without the love of God, spousal and parenting will not be effective because we are broken people and by us being broken we become dysfunctional and codependent. I've learned also that in a dysfunctional family you have different roles to play. I even learned what role I played as a child up until I became an adult.. This dysfunctional cycle keeps going until you reverse it. Boundaries are another important trait that I've learned that's very needed in a relationship, either spousal or parenting and even with Self. No boundaries will cause an unhealthy relationship. It leads to the road of codependency. You can even become a doormat.

The main thing that I learned was to be a leader and example to my family by allowing the love of God, which He poured into me, be poured out amongst my family.

#### Dear God's Believers

Wow, What a surprise! I am greatly appreciative of the bible I received in the mail! I really have enjoyed the studies that has really enhanced my soul towards Jesus through these rough times. I needed it! He has sent me here for a reason and I now have helped out a few people here as a result just as you have helped me by turning me to God. I love you all that you would take the time and effort to do this for us unfortunate people. I see, through His words, what drives you and I know now to also spread my new ambitions in life to others through God. Graduate



The things I've learned has changed my life Right Here-N-Now. I will continue to build relationship with my family and friends and those who are around me. Listen, pay attention to my wife and my children. Apply all that I have learned through Little Lambs into my heart. It is good to make God the Head of my life. God is love and He is teaching me through this class. The love of God prevails over all things. This type of love is from God. God helps me understand my life, my wife, my family, friends, enemies and strangers. Through the class I have learned how to love them all. When my life is on the brink, I just remember "God is Love".

### PRISON WAS GOOD FOR ME!

RE: Discipleship and Bible Studies (Bible studies converted me!)

Hey, I have done a lot of bible studies in the last 18 years in prison. Don't ever think it doesn't work— sending bible studies to prisoners. I have been told I was wasting my time and actually, I was doing them to fill the time. I have been a come and go Christian all my life. I came from one of those families that believe you only have to be good and go to church now and then. I have been in crime all my life. But each time I hit bottom and prayed to Jesus, He heard and answered. I should have been listening closer to what He was saying.

Each time things got bad, they were worse than before until I found myself in prison. You would think things could not get any worse or that I would finally understand. I have been beaten and nearly killed because I refused to become a Nazi. Then they learned that I had been in the sex trade and decided I could be the Gang's sex slave. But, even after being gang raped and placed in Safekeep, I still was blind to God's word. I had to see it over and over in these Bible Studies. <u>Finally, I asked God, "Why can't I have a closer walk with you, like other people do?" The Answer? It was right there in one of the Bible Studies.</u>

Jesus Christ loved me enough to die for me, so I could have Salvation, Redemption, Sanctification, Grace and Mercy. But God's Spirit - The Holy Spirit- is holy. You can't make yourself holy any more that you could save yourself from sin. What you can do is clean up your life - get rid of sin. You are a temple. You have to clean out all the idols and desires. I had this HORRIBLE problem with lying and lust.

Hey - It works! Fruit is a gift of the Spirit, once you start cleaning up the works of the flesh. Now that I have started I wanted MORE. I'm studying and paying more attention. I need a good Study Bible. I need tools for witnessing. This is a very evil place. But - "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning....me." Pray for me. Tx

Hello, may this humble letter find you doing well and full of blessings. I am currently incarcerated and wish to get closer to the Lord. I daily practice my words of wisdom but I'd like to start learning a bit more about the bible:) Is there any way I may have bible studies or lessons on which I may get recognized with certificates?!! I was in a Faith Based Dorm but recently received a line class change to becoming a trusty so I'm at a camp now. Here there isn't many classes or Faith Based Dorms, etc, so all my knowledge, getting closer to God I do it on my own. It's good though because as I do my own studies on my own, people who don't know much about the Lord begin to gather and I proudly share important deep scriptures that help them increase their faith for good. I am here on a DWI eight yr. sentence. I have to say the truth.....coming to prison is something that has changed me and impacted me for good. It's helped me find the Lord and get closer to him. God shall put the correct people in my path to help me and also God will open those doors for me. I desire so much to come back home to my 3 beautiful kids and loving wife who really need me. I'll wait to hear from you. Tx

What did I learn in the Marriage & Family Class

I learned that abuse involves a lot more than just physically hurting someone. I was surprised to know that I had been abused as a child by being hit with a belt and by having my mother walk around the house half naked. I also learned about boundaries, specially how important they are. As a parent I always had boundaries for my children, but wasn't very clear on the consequences. I also learned that boundaries are not only for children. I want to say that thanks to this class I was able to share the information on boundaries with a friend of mine that recently divorced and had questions regarding what she should and shouldn't allow while dating. She was very happy with the information and I pray that it will help her to be safe.

The class helped me understand what a dysfunctional family is and the reason why it becomes one. But more importantly I learned how to avoid and/or fix one. In summary, I learned how to be a better husband, father, son and much more, and how to have better relationships.

I know this is not a letter, but I want to thank you for your dedication, for your ministry, and the love of Christ that you've demonstrated by coming every week to help us become better men. "Love can't exist without expression."

#### Dear Partners,

So much has happened since our last letter. Pastors Joe Valentin and Herb Long, and Phil Esposito and myself have all been to our Florida Department of Corrections Annual Volunteer Training and are ready for the upcoming year. Our Regional Chaplain attended our session. Also, Pastors Joe and Herb along with Mary Tinberg and myself attended the Highlands County Jail Volunteer Training. We will start the new sessions for Overcomers and the Marriage and Family Class at Avon Park Prison in March, as well as at the Sebring Hogar. We were excited that chapel inmates selected Phil Esposito for the Medallion Award. Phil facilitates a Monday night class, "Spirit, Soul and Body". He has volunteered with this class for about 4 years now. Ruth, Phil's wife, is our regular Tuesday volunteer on the computer and as a grader. They began their volunteer career with us the first year we were in Sebring when the ministry was run from our home. That was in 1998! Thank you, Jesus.

My thanks to volunteer since 2003, Judith Ryder who subbed for me at The Way Church in Sebring last Sunday. I had pulled my back and Judith graciously filled in for me out of her 15 years experience as a grader and computer volunteer for Little Lambs. Judith was a former "Pastor's Wife" and very good at this task as well as grading many many lessons.

We completed our three day Anger Management Class in February with all six graduating. It was exhausting but satisfying that all six were able to complete the course as required by law. And the essays were encouraging.

We also have another "volunteer" friend, Pastor Gary Grabow here from Michigan. Pastor Gary gave his testimony to the men at the Sebring Hogar and enjoyed meeting all the men.

This is Pastor Gary and his wife's last year as snow birds and become permanent residents next fall. We hope to make him a regular at that time. Currently his pastors a church in Michigan and volunteered at a local prison there.

It is with deep regret that Calvin and Eloise Miller has to retire from Little

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Mondays.....Bible Study, Avon Park Prison Tuesdays....Marriage, Family & Parenting, Avon Park Prison Wednesdays..Overcomers 6 pm Bible Fellowship Church Thursdays....Overcomers Avon Park Prison Work Camp Thursdays....Overcomers Avon Park Prison Main Unit Thursdays....Marriage, Family & Parenting Avon Park Prison Thursdays....Released to Love Women's Codependent Recovery 6:30 pm upstairs @ Little Lambs

### Call 273-7388 for counseling

Lambs this past fall. They had been regular Tuesday office volunteers since 2010 and Eloise graded a lot for us. They were



such a neat couple and love the Lord so much. They are housebound now with Calvin having some health issues. They served the Lord until well into Calvin's nineties. **What an example! Thank you for your service.** 

While at home out of commission, a lady called. A sister tearfully told me how the lessons had changed her brother and gave me his change of address. My thought, how many other families notice changes in their loved ones but say nothing. God knows!

> Your servant, Eileen Sala



