



The Great Apostasy *by Gene Easley*

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Never has the church been as educated as it is today. Never have we possessed the learning resources presently available. There have never been so many Christian books written as now, and even in America we have never been so able to afford them as we are today. Countless video and audio recordings, by known and unknown preachers, flood our nation. Most ministers have their studies full of these resources. Knowledge is now available not only through books, tapes, television, and radio ministries, but the internet has brought to our intellectual fingertips an access to knowledge we could never have dreamed just a few years ago. So, one might think that this new burst of knowledge would bring the church to the threshold of a mighty revival. But in reality it is contributing much to the great apostasy foretold of the last days.

If one were to read the majority of the books on the Christian bookstore shelves, he would find the main topics to be psychology, self-help and humanism. The power of the Gospel is not only not emphasized in most of the so-called Christian literature, it is not even mentioned.

Many television ministries have sold out to prosperity preachers, who appear more interested in making people rich than seeing souls saved. Christian television networks are succumbing to these teachings as if they had not been exposed to Scripture.

More Bible colleges exist today than ever before. Yet, have you examined lately just what they are teaching? Psychology is more important to them than the shed blood of Christ. Counseling skills are given more attention than the power of the Holy Spirit and ministering the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Instead of acting as the spiritual help needed, the church has adopted the roll of the community social center. It claims to want to meet all the needs of all the people, unlike the preaching of a clear Gospel that demands transformation of life.

I do believe there is revival in different parts of the world. But we are also witnessing a great apostasy from the true full Gospel message. It is not our mission to conquer this world but rather to preach the Gospel unto salvation to all that hear and believe.

We live in a time when our dedication to God is challenged as never before. It is a time when the wise must have oil in their lamps and their ears in tune for a trumpet sound. He is coming for those who love His appearing. I want to be among that number!!!