

# Apostles and Apostates (Part 1)

2 Peter 2:17-22

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Apostle – an ardent supporter

Apostate – one who abandons a previous loyalty

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Without \_\_\_\_\_ (17-19)

- “springs without water” – they lead you to believe your thirst can be quenched, but they can’t deliver
- “mists driven by a storm” – they promise water for your crops, but they can’t deliver
- “gloom of darkness” – refers to being cast into hell forever
- Half-hearted \_\_\_\_\_ usually results in a whole-hearted \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jude 16
  - John 8:34-36 *commits* is a present participle in the Greek, meaning it is a continuous or repeated action
  - Romans 6:16-18
  - False teachers promise freedom from the very things to which they are enslaved.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_ (20-21)

- “they” refers to the false prophets, not those they try to lead
- 20(a) – *impurity/miasma* – foulness, pollution
- 20(b) – “they are again entangled in these things and defeated”
  - Jude 19, Romans 8:9
- They profess Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ but are again \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by sin.
- 20(c) - “the last state is worse for them than the first”
  - because they have heard and rejected the gospel (Matthew 12:43-45)
- warfare between the old and new natures:
  - Romans 7:15, 20, 24-25
- Your mouth can profess Christ but if your life shouts rejection of Christ, we must believe actions over words.