

## WHY THEY GO BACK 366

TEXT: Jn. 6:66-67.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Why did these people go back and walk no more with Him?
- B. Christ had spoken figuratively of his flesh and blood- Jn. 6:51-60.
- C. Every so often one will go back to the world after having followed Christ.
- D. Peter had the answer- Jn. 6:68-69.
- E. Have you ever wondered why people leave the Lord?

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I. THERE ARE MANY HARD SAYINGS IN THE EYES OF THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO FAITH IN CHRIST.

- A. It was a hard saying for Jesus to tell them He was to die- Jn. 6:51.
  - 1. They thought Jesus was going to be an earthly king.
  - 2. Jn. 6:15.
  - 3. They murmured at what He said about being "Bread" from heaven- Jn. 6:41.
- B. They lost faith in Christ and went back.
  - 1. Heb. 3:12.
  - 2. Men are sure to depart and go back when they lose faith.
- C. Other hard sayings for many who don't have enough faith.
  - 1. Jn. 3:5.
  - 2. Mk. 16:16.
  - 3. Acts 2:38.

D. The fact that "few" travel the strait and narrow way is hard for some-  
Matt. 7:13-14.

E. The fact that there is only one church built by Christ is hard.

1. Matt. 16:18 I will build my church.
2. Eph. 5:25-27.
3. Col. 1:18 Christ head of the body- which is the church.
4. Eph. 4:4 one body..

## II. NOTICE SOME OTHER REASONS WHY DISCIPLES GO BACK.

A. Jn. 6:66- Hard sayings.

B. Surface, shallow religion- Lk. 8:13.

C. Worldliness.

1. Lk. 8:14.
2. Rom. 12:1-2.
3. Jas. 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled. . .
4. Jas. 4:4.

D. Evil associations- 1 Cor. 15:33 **Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits.**

E. Wanting to be popular- Jn. 12:42-43.

F. Moving- Especially into new town.

1. 2 Tim. 4:10.
2. Lot.

G. Wealth and riches- 1 Tim. 6:6-10 & 17-19.

H. Great poverty.

1. Lazarus was poor but never lost faith- Lk. 16:19-22.

2. **Prov 30:7 -9 Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the Lord?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.**
- I. Sunday work weans many away- Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling..."
- J. Do not take an active part in work or worship- 1 Cor. 15:58.
- K. Some have feelings hurt- insulted- criticized.- Matt. 18:15-17.
- L. Some feel they don't fit in because they C/N dress like others- don't have nice clothing- Jas. 2:1-9.
- M. Some don't like the preacher, elders, or members.

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. There are no acceptable excuses- Lk. 14:15-24.
- B. Please don't go back to the world- 2 Pet. 2:20-22.
- C. If not a Christian then obey today.