

Would You Also Go Away?

Text: John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” ⁶¹ When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² *What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” ⁶⁶ From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” ⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Intro: Jesus had been giving “some hard sayings”

- a. The Lord had hundreds of disciples following Him, “and many walked with Him no more” [John 6:66]
Matthew 16:24-25 - Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it
- b. Jesus had to be disappointed and sad when He said to the twelve. “Do you also want to go away?” [John 6:67]
- c. John 6:68,69-“To whom shall we go?”
- d. Many disciples turned away from Jesus’ ministry, and sadly the same scene is still being repeated today!
- e. There are several reasons they turn away, but where does it lead to.

1. Examples Of “Walking with the Lord no more.”

a. Philippians 3:18-20

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose glory is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

b. 1 Timothy 1:19-20; 1 Timothy 4:1-3

1 Timothy 1:19-20 – having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, ²⁰ of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 4:1-3: Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³ forbidding to marry, *and commanding to* abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

2. All who fall away go away into hopelessness.

a. Colossians 1:27; Titus 1:2

Colossians 1:27 – To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which^[a] is Christ in you, the hope of glory

Titus 1:2 - in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began

- b. Hebrews 10:26-31-the final result of those “walking with the Lord no more”

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*.²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?³⁰ For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,”^[a] says the Lord.^[b] And again, “The LORD will judge His people.”^[c]³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

3. **Continuing to follow Jesus is the only way to go to Heaven.**

- a. John 8:31-32; John 14:6

John 8:31-32 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- b. Acts 4:12-Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life- not one of the ways!

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

4. **Jesus has the words of “eternal life”, why would you go away?**

- a. John 6:67-69: Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God
- b. 1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

c. 1 John 5:11-13: And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life,^[a] and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Invitation: Jesus is still asking each of us. “Would you also go away like many did when Jesus taught upon this earth, or will we be like Peter[John 6:68-69] How we answer and live our lives will determine where we spend eternity.