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The 3 Main Factors Which Determines A Nation's Downfall

Religious Apostasy – Moral Abyss – Political Anarchy - 1

“Righteousness Exalts A Nation: But Sin Is A Reproach To Any People.”

Pro. 14:34

Saul David Alinsky

Time Magazine wrote in 1970 that “It is not much to argue that American democracy is being altered by Alinsky's ideas.” “If there is an after life, and if I have anything to say about it, I will unreservedly choose to go to hell. Hell would be heaven to me. Once I get to hell, I'll start organizing the have-nots over there.” - Rules For Radicals

Religious Apostasy:

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” - Hebrews 3:12-13

The word “**Apostasy**” is the abandonment or renunciation of essential biblical doctrines. Therefore, apostasy means to fall away from “... the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” - Jude 1:3. An apostate is someone who claimed to have once believed those essential biblical doctrines of salvation, but today, they unashamedly deny them. Did not the Apostle Peter instruct us, “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” - 1 Peter 4:17

Primary Essentials: (The Nature and Work of Christ)

The below are some primary biblical essentials which one cannot deny and be a Christian. It's incumbent upon us to use the Bible as our only standard regarding these prerequisites:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is both God and man (John 1:1,14; 8:24; 10:30; 14:8- 9,11; 20:28; Col. 2:9; 1 John 4:1-4; Rev. 1:8, 10; 22:13).
2. The Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead physically (Matthew 28:5-7; Luke 24:13-36; John 2:19-21; 20:11-17, 24-31; Acts 7:54-60; Romans 10:9-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; 12-23. Hebrews 1:3).
3. The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Galatians 1:8-9).

(4.) Salvation is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone (Romans 5:1, 6, Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:1-5).

(5.) There is only one God (Exodus 20:1-3, Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 43:10; 44:6, 8; John 10:30; Matthew 1:23; 1 Timothy 2:5).

Apostate History:

The root of Apostasy stemmed in the German School of Higher Criticism which invaded this nation big-time in the 1920's. According to the "scientific approach" of this school of skeptics, the Bible is not the revealed Word of God. Rather, it is "Man's" search for God, and therefore it is filled with myth, legend, fables, and superstition.. Today this view point dominates Bible colleges and seminaries of America. The Bible is studied not to be believed and obeyed but to be analyzed, dissected, and criticized. The result is that the Bible has lost its authority in the home, schools, churches, and in all of government.

Apostasy In The Denominations:

The apostasy is not confined to the seminaries. It is pervasive. It can be found in all denominations. The chilling thing to keep in mind is these seminaries who produce this spiritual pornography are professors at seminaries across America. They are the ones who are training the current generation of pastors and teachers to fill our pulpits.

Apostasy In Local Churches:

This spreading cancer of apostasy in the Church is not confined to theologians and church conferences. It can be found at the grass roots level, in local churches. Consider, for example, The Episcopal New Church Center in Walkersville, Maryland. This church hired a public relations firm to develop a print and television advertising campaign. One of the first ads in this campaign carried a banner headline that read, "To Hell With Church!" It showed a man thinking, "If I want to feel guilty, I'll eat some cheese fries." An ad in the series showed Christ nailed on the Cross. Scrawled over the painting were the words, "Of course people with pierced body parts are welcome in our church."

The Apostate Challenge:

Englishman William Booth (1829 – 1912), who founded the Salvation Army, was a man with a great zeal for the Lord and a great passion for lost souls. He was also a man with a vision. On the eve of the 20th Century when Christendom was caught up in euphoria about how the Church would soon take the world for Christ, Booth predicted that the Gospel would not fare well in the new century. Specifically, he prophesied that by the end of the 20th Century, much of the Church would be preaching:

- . Christianity Without Christ - Matthew 22:29
- . Forgiveness Without Repentance – Romans 2:4
- . Salvation Without Regeneration – Acts 4:12
- . Heaven Without Hell – Matthew 23:33