

**“THE FIRST SIGN OF THE SECOND COMING”  
2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4**

2 Thess. 2:1-4 “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God”

1. Apostasy is generally defined as \_\_\_\_\_.  
In Christianity, apostasy is seen as \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus foretold apostasy: “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ many, and because \_\_\_\_\_ shall abound, the love of many shall wax \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 24:11-12

3. Paul foretold apostasy: “Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” 1 Timothy 4:1

4. Old Testament example: God is grieved because He had “set up Saul to be king: for he is turned \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ me, and hath not performed my commandments. 1 Samuel 15:11

5. New Testament example: “Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath \_\_\_\_\_ me, having \_\_\_\_\_ this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica” 2 Timothy 4:9-10

6. 2021 Examples-Beaverdam Baptist Association  
Membership in 2000 was 20,456 – Membership is now \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Attendance in Worship was 9,927 – Attendance is now \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Church Attendance 0-20 \_\_\_\_\_ # 21-40 \_\_\_\_\_ # 41-60 \_\_\_\_\_ #  
Overall additions to church membership from 2000 to present \_\_\_\_\_ %

7. An Example of Encouragement: Acts 27:27-31

“For 14 days the ship was driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the sailors thought they were close to land. As they got closer to the shore, they were afraid they would crash into the rocks. They cast four anchors out of the stern and wished for the day. The shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.”

**Budget Requests for the 2022 Church Year: Ministry Leaders and Chairpersons of Committee’s- please submit your budget request for the 2022 church year by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Requests should be addressed to Budget & Finance Committee. Please place in their letter tray in the Conference Room.**