

APOSTASY #1

If a friend of yours called and told you he had recently fallen off his roof and broken his leg, you may have a lot of questions for him. But one thing you would already know beyond any shadow of a doubt is that for some reason, he had been on his roof. The fact that he had fallen off of his roof would demand that he had first gotten on it.

You're probably thinking well that's pretty basic, anybody should understand that and I whole heartedly agree. Why is it then that so many people will say that a person who falls away from the faith was never in the faith to begin with? Consider what Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:1, "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons."

Notice that Paul is not talking about people here that would forever reject the gospel, but those who would enter into the faith and would then fall away from it. So we must realize if we say that a Christian who falls away was never really a Christian, it would make no more sense than to say that someone who fell off his roof was never really on it. Any doctrine that teaches it is impossible for a Christian to fall away and lose his salvation may be very comforting, but unfortunately is not taught in the Bible.