



Departure of Unbelievers 1 John 2:19

1. An Abandoned _____

In the midst of the church are those people who do not truly belong to Christ or His people. For a while they will seem to be connected, but that will be abandoned in the place where Christ is truly loved.

2 Peter 2:1 ~ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

Other Scriptures:

- **Matthew 13:24-25**
- **2 Timothy 3:1-5**
- **Jude 1:12**

2. A Faithful _____

It is a modern concept that a person can hold fast to Christ and not also remain in the fellowship of His people. For those who are true in Christ, it shows up in a faithful continuance with the LORD and His church.

Hebrews 10:24-25 ~ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Other Scriptures:

- **Mark 13:13**
- **Hebrews 3:14**
- **Revelation 2:10**



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3. An Evidential _____

Ultimately, the evidence of a person's faith will be clearly seen. Let us understand, then, that when a person abandons the LORD and His church, it gives indication that they are not true believers.

1 Corinthians 11:18-19 ~ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

Other Scriptures:

- **1 Corinthians 7:15**
- **Hebrews 6:4-6**
- **2 Timothy 4:10**

2 Timothy 2:11-15

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Thoughts to Remember:
