

Part 4

The Apostate

1 Corinthians 1:18-21

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

Psalms 14:1

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Matthew 18:2-4

2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

John 6:66-68

66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.



"You can begin as if nothing had ever gone wrong. White as snow."

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"Reality is harsh to the feet of the shadows" Page 39

[In heaven there is] "No sphere of usefulness: you are not needed there at all. No scope for your talents: only forgiveness for having perverted them. No atmosphere of inquiry, for I will bring you to the land not of questions but of answers, and you shall see the face of God." Page 40

Message notes:

The truth is that Jesus said there is _____ that leads to life.

_____ doesn't transform a lie into the truth.

Moral ignorance is what brings _____ to mental ignorance

Heaven is the _____, you get to see the face of God.

People use _____ as excuses.

Knowledge is a wonderful thing only if it leads you into a _____ with God.

Jesus gives us the _____ to make our choices.

If God forced people to follow Him, it would be _____.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

Is it narrow minded and outdated to say "there is only one road that leads to life"? Why can't being a good person get you into heaven?

Why can't our own wisdom or intellect save us?

When do questions about faith become excuses instead of being helpful for growth?

How does child-likeness help us to enter into God's Kingdom?

When Pastor Jamie quoted "there is nothing you have that is needed in heaven", what did you think of and how did that make you feel?

Why does God allow us the freedom to make our own choices? How is this better than forcing us into a relationship with Him?

Ministry Time Questions:

Has anyone been struggling to connect with our Father relationally?

Is anyone burdened with questions that are beginning to become excuses in your life?

*Before next week, read through chapter 9 in *The Great Divorce*.*