

Coming Home

The first and second century church faced a major problem: apostasy. A lot of people were leaving the faith and going back to their old ways of life, because they either could not handle life in Christ, or they couldn't handle the persecution. The church warned them and encouraged people to stay in the church, because if you leave and die in your sin, the punishment is far worse than it would have been before.

What has always puzzled me is that people do leave the church. Even today, even with the Bible being as accessible as it is, people still leave. This has made many preachers preach sermons over how it is IMPOSSIBLE to come back once you leave. Although that's not right, you obviously shouldn't leave Christ. The risk for leaving and dying in your sin is too much for one to even dare to risk, but if one does leave, there is hope.

God doesn't want anyone to perish but wants everyone to repent and have eternal life. Think of the prodigal son. He knew the Father, he had a relationship with the Father, and he still left. After being separated from the Father for so long, the son realized just how foolish he was and went back home. He wasn't turned away; it wasn't "impossible" for him to return. The Father saw him coming and met him on the road and embraced him. The Father was waiting, for who knows how long, for his child to return.

If you have strayed from the Father, it's not too late. As long as you have breath and a beat in your chest, it's not too late. Come back to the Father, repent, and have eternal life.

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