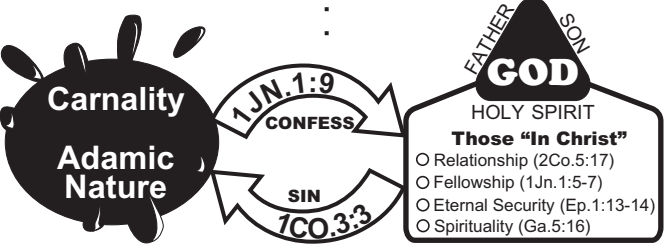


# BELIEVER STATUS

Apostate Believer	Regressive Believer	Inactive Believer	Active Believer	Close Fellowship with God
<p>For certain persons have creep in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. -Jd.4 (See Jd. 8,12-16, 19).</p> <p><sup>19</sup>Keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. <sup>20</sup>Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered over to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme. - 1Tm.1:19-20.</p> <p>I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. - 1Co.5:5.</p> <p>“...fallen from grace” - Ga.5:4</p> <p>“...unstable souls” - 2Pe.2:14</p>	<p><sup>10</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying <sup>11</sup>“I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not carried out My commands.” And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the LORD all night. - 1Sa.15:11.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>Make every effort to come to me soon; <sup>10</sup>for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. - 2Tm.4:9-10.</p>	<p><sup>7</sup>And if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds) - 2Pe.2:7-8 (see Ge.5).</p> <p>LUKEWARM: <sup>15</sup>“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.” - Re.3:15-16</p>	 <p>Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water - He.10:22</p>	<p><sup>13</sup>Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. <sup>14</sup>But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. ...<sup>16</sup>For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ - 1Co.2:12-16.</p>
<p>A “carnal believer can refer to any of these three states</p>				

## DESCRIPTIONS

**Active** - Your conscience, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God convict you to have close fellowship with God. You actively seek to have close fellowship with God. You acknowledge that you are a sinner. You are striving to be Bible-oriented. **Close Fellowship** - You acknowledge and immediately confess (say the same thing God says about it) sin before God. You keep short accounts of sin before God. Your conscience is clear and you sense the Holy Spirit's presence.

**Inactive** - You are apathetic toward God, and His Word. You have very little zeal for spiritual things. You know or think you are saved. You feel you are spiritually on hold. You make choices to not get involved with much fellowship with believers or Bible teaching events. You know you need/should study the Bible for spiritual growth, but you say... (1) “I do not have time” (2) “I do not know how.”

**Regressive** - You are making choices that reject the faith life in favor of worldly endeavors. You negatively question nearly everything related to God, Christ, the Bible, and other spiritual matters. You learn to ignore the Holy Spirit's prompting. You tend to flock with others of similar thinking. You begin to reject authority. You become easily frustrated with spiritual things. So you frantically search for happiness. This frantic search always ends in frustration which in turn results in bitterness and jealousy. You become susceptible to accepting “doctrines of demons” (1Tm.4:1). This is demonic influence not possession.

**Apostate** - You openly renounce your faith and belief in God. You actively seek to slander and judge believers. You actively reject Christ, the Bible, faith, and anything associated with God. You may very well have committed the sin unto death. It is just a matter of time before God removes you from this world. That is, the flesh will be destroyed but the spirit will be saved (1Co.5:5). God judges an apostate believer through suffering and chastisement (1Co.11:29-30).

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