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It views sin as a "trangression", "trepass"

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It's to turn from light to darkness, from life to death, from Christ to Satan

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Yet our duty is to seek restoration before it crosses the line into apostasy

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We can't know if they are apostate until we seek their 'conversion', turning about

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Sheep don't go astray singly—each apostate encourages others to follow them!