Historical evidences of the prophesied falling away in Christianity

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For further information concerning the "falling away" in Christianity spoken of by Paul in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2:3-7, which had begun in his day and continued to advance into the coming centuries, I would like to list a number of the changes which crept into the Christian church during these early centuries:

- 1. Addition of water as a "consecrated" element to the Lord's Supper.
- 2. Carrying the emblems to persons who were absent from the celebration of the ordinance.
- 3. The teaching that the water in which persons were baptized was holy "holy water"- which had sanctifying power.
- 4. Exorcism of all baptismal candidates prior to the ordinance.
- 5. Administration of milk and honey mixture after the baptism.
- 6. Marking the forehead of the candidate with the sign of the cross.
- 7. Anointing by the priests, all over the body of the candidate prior to the ordinance.
- 8. ARE YOU READY FOR THIS ONE??!! Baptism of all candidates in NAKEDNESS! You read that right!
- 9. A convergence of pagan Sun-day worship with Easter and the annual celebration of the Passoverweek resurrection of Christ in order to create the greatest annual festival.

Dear readers, it was in such a climate as THIS that 'Sunday-sacredness' was also added to the usages of the Christian church, having no foundation in Scripture, in like manner as all of the above!

Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

The seventh day is STILL the Sabbath of the Lord our God.