

MINISTERING TO HERETICS (Part #4)

The English word heretic is derived from the Greek word (*hairetikos* / agent of heresy / *hairesis*). It is translated heretic in the King James Bible. *Hairetikos* means capable of choosing, causing division by a party spirit, factious. It is from *haireomai* meaning to choose (Vine).

Here are four popular English translations of *hairetikos* from Titus 3:10.

KJB – “A man that is an *heretic* after the first and second admonition reject.”

NAS – “Reject a *factious man* after a first and second warning.”

NIV – “Warn a *divisive person* once and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.”

Amplified – “[As for] a man who is *factious [a heretical sectarian and cause of division]* after admonishing him a first and second time, reject [him from your fellowship and have nothing to do with him].”

This lesson will study the progressive stages of Reversionism.

1. There are four stages of reversionism:

I. Negative Volition:

- Primary: Rejection of taking in the Word of God, assembling yourselves together to worship and study the Word of God.
- Secondary: Rejection of applying Categorical Bible Doctrine to the pertinent situation.

II. Darkness of the soul (scotos)

- That emptiness of the soul leading to the taking in of all kinds of false teachings
- Leading to the Emotional Revolt of the Soul (ERS)

III. Scartissue of the soul

- The hardening of the heart
- Rejecting that doctrinal truth that you once firmly believed and defended
- Leading into a 'State' of Carnality, a life style

IV. Sin Unto Death

- The removal of the Believer from the Angelic Conflict - in time

2. Negative Volition has two progressive stages:

- Primary (PNV): Rejection of taking in the Word of God, assembling yourselves together to worship and study the Word of God.
- Secondary (SNV): Rejection of applying Categorical Bible Doctrine to the pertinent situation.

3. Darkness of the soul (scotos) Vacuum of the soul

- One of two sources feed the soul, either Human Viewpoint (HV) or Cosmos Diabolicus (CD). One or the other, no middle ground!
- The soul either lusts after the things of the world or the things of the Spirit

4. The "futility of the mind" opens up this vacuum (scotos / darkness) of worldly thinking (CD) (Jn 3:18-21)

- Jesus (The Gospel) is "The Light" in a world of "Darkness"! But men love darkness more than light because (they fear) their deeds being revealed.
- Until you get sick of your life and turn back to God - to Baruch (create anew) your soul, nothing will change!
- Scotos (darkness) is not a place you want to stay in.
- How to get to the Light? Practice The Truth! (Eph 5:8,9) (1Pt 2:9)

5. In The Light you will walk differently! By the Power of God!

- Dwelling in Scotos is "Dumbing Down"! "Once you were a teacher but now you need to be fed Milk Doctrine". (Heb 5:11)
- In this stage, just prior to the next is an "Emotional Revolt of your Soul" (ERS) experience.
- Turning away from Truth unto Evil
 - A state of Hopelessness, so Overwhelming to your soul that you turn on yourself!
 - You drop into places of depravity that you wouldn't believe possible!
- On the other side of the ERS is "Real Darkness", Scartissue of the Soul!

6. The Hardening of one's heart becomes a "Life Style". (Ex chs 12 - 14)

- (Lk 17:32) Fully Committed.
- Not like Lot's wife! Don't look back to see if there is anything left back there that may still be of value.
- Stop! Turn Around!, Walk Away - Towards God!
- Reverse Process Reversionism (RPR). Corrupt, Idol Worshipers, Stiff Necked! (Ex 32)

7. Final Thoughts - The five (5) Stages of the Reversionism Process:

- **Spirit:** (Primary / Secondary Neg. Volition) Your sin has grieved and quenched His power within you.
- **Speaking:** Believers admonishing Believers. Where The Word of God "Gets In Your Face"!
- **Spanking:** "Light" Divine Discipline - to re-focus you.
- **Scourging:** "Heavy" Divine Discipline - to cause you to stop, turn and "seek God"
- **Sin Unto Death:** The removal of the Believer from "Time".