

NOMENCLATURES OF REVERSIONISM (Part #1)

In the final two lessons of our study on the Superiority of the New Covenant over the Old Covenant, we will study fourteen Nomenclatures of Reversionism. In this study, we will cover the **first seven** Nomenclatures of Reversionism.

The English definition of Reversionism captures the basic meaning of these 14 words.

“Reversion is the process of returning to a former condition or state. It is an act or instance of turning the opposite direction.” (Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary)

We will give a theological definition of Reversionism.

“Revisionism is retrogression from any stage of spiritual enlightenment because of negative volition towards the revealed Word of God, because of cosmos diabolicus [worldly thinking] (Matt.16:21-23) promoted by satan, the adversary of spiritual enlightenment / growth.” (1 Pet.5:8-9)

<p>This lesson will study 7 of the fourteen biblical nomenclatures of Reversionism.</p>

1. The Backslider from the Old Testament

(Prov.14:14). “The **backslider** in heart will have his fill of his own ways, but a good man will be satisfied with his.” (Ps.44:18; 78:56-57)

2. Leaving first love is another characteristic of reversionism identified with the church of Ephesus (Rev.2:4-5)

(Rev.2:4) “But I have this against you, that you have left (aphiemi/ to send from, to let go) your first love.” (Rom.5:5, 8)

3. Falling from grace is another characteristic of reversionism given by Paul.

(Gal.5:1-6) “And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have **fallen from (ekpipto) grace.**” (James 2:10)

4. Shrinking back (hupostello) [To draw back, retreat, AWOL] from the revealed Directive Will of God is another characteristic of reversionism.

(Heb.10:38-39) “But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he **shrinks back**, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.”

5. **Lukewarm** was used to describe reversionism of the local church of Laodicea.

(Rev.3:15-16) “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm (chliaros), and neither hot or cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.”

6. **Self-deceiving heart** of religious works system for salvation and spirituality in the Christian Way of Life.

(James 1:26-27) “If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but **deceives (apatao) his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**” (1 Tim.2:14)

7. **A hostile mind**

(**Heb.12:3**) “For consider Him who has **endured** such **hostility** (antilogia) [To dispute, contradict, strife] by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Pay attention to the word **endure** (hupomone) [Used three times].

- “Let us run with **endurance** the race set before us,
- fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **author and perfecter of faith**, who for the joy set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- For consider Him who has **endured such hostility**, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Heb.12:1)