

5. When a believer's soul is the victim of deceit it inevitably leads him into the throes of reversionism manifested by emotional revolt of the soul.

2 Peter 2:17 These [false teachers] are springs without water [teaching with no reference to Scripture or the teaching of the Holy Spirit] and mists [human viewpoint and evil] driven by a storm [itinerants move around like a squall line and bring a storm of false doctrine to the benighted], for whom the black darkness [darkness of the soul due to negative volition to truth] has been reserved [the soul's environment of darkness as opposed to the light provided by truth].

v. 18 For this reason, these reversionists constantly preach eloquently and bombastically with great swelling words [multisyllabic, esoteric, gobbledygook] from the source of vanity [ματαιότης (*mataiotēs*): a vacuum that sucks in cosmic concepts], they keep on enticing by appealing to lascivious desires, those scarcely escape from those who live in error,

v. 19 promising them freedom when they themselves are in the permanent status of slavery of corruption [the sin nature]; for by whom anyone is defeated, by the same source, he has been enslaved. (EXT)

6. These passages are graphically illustrated in a way that is well-known to dog lovers. Shannon and Chris have a dog, named Samson, a Labrador retriever who, having ignored instruction in the nuances of haute cuisine, recycles his own food, euphemistically speaking, ergo:

2 Peter 2:22 It has happened to them and keeps on doing so according to the true proverb [Proverbs 26:11], “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and “A sow, after washing, returns to wallow in the mire.” (NASB)

7. In a given society, historical downtrends are detected when its body of believers loses interest in serious Bible study and through emotional revolt enter reversionism.

8. In the same way, historical downtrends are detected in a society when unbelievers abandon laws of divine establishment in favor of hedonism, the doctrine that pleasure or happiness is the sole or chief good in life.
9. When one's "pleasure or happiness" is denied or criticized by latent cultural standards, the rabble is roused and chaos erupts in defense of the professed "new normal."
10. Progressive ideologues are not shy to unbridle their own tongues in their campaign to reverse the cultural standards which provide them the freedom to stoke rebellion.
11. The vacuousness of the anointed one's souls is evidence of the brain drain imposed by the Dark Side's campaign against the client nation.
12. Their increasing dominance in the national debate indicates the absence of doctrinal thought in the souls of believers.
13. Approving a little bit of the lie is acquiescence to the whole lie. If biblical guidance is based on divine revelation and that revelation is immutable then divine justice must defend it.
14. Those with deceived *kardías* have opted for religion over Christianity, acquiesced to the lie in opposition to the truth, and made themselves targets for divine discipline.
15. The out-of-fellowship believer, considering his acts of human good commendable while speaking from a deceived *kardía* means his religion is worthless.
16. This means that negative volition to truth is indoctrinated and when he hears a standard he rejects. From an inventory of erroneous ideas his assumed righteousness is based on cosmic concepts.
17. The result of such a mind-set is mentioned by Paul in:
1 Corinthians 10:12 **Let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.**
18. The principles that define this situation are addressed by Paul in:

Galatians 5:4 You have been severed from Christ [aorist passive indicative of *καταργέω* (*katargéō*): **culminative indicating existing results**], you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. (NASB)

1. A believer cannot be severed from Christ neither can he fall from grace. At salvation, the believer is placed into union with Christ, a circumstance described as positional sanctification or being inside the Top Circle. Severance from that status quo is impossible.
2. Secondly, the entire plan of God for the believer is His matchless grace. Regardless of the spiritual status quo of the believer, he is always supervised by the components of the love of God or the integrity of God:
(1) Righteousness which refers to the standards of divine integrity, (2) Justice which is the function of divine integrity, (3) Grace which is the system or policy of divine integrity, and (4) Omniscience which refers to the divine decree. Believers are never dealt with by God outside of this system or policy of grace.
3. Therefore, those being evaluated by Paul are believers whose spiritual lives are directed toward the Mosaic Law, not the grace of God. They have chosen to be severed from Christ temporally by reversionism and fallen from grace volitionally by engaging in human good and evil.
4. Some of the members of the Galatian church are involved in works, specifically the ritual of circumcision which they assume results in salvation or is an essential part of the salvation formula.
5. Salvation is the result of an unbeliever placing his personal faith in Christ, believing this volitional decision results in deliverance from the lake of fire and reception of eternal life.
6. Circumcision is a ritual associated with the Mosaic Law. It was commanded of Abraham at age 99 to commemorate his restored sexual ability and designed to introduce a forth category of Homo sapiens, namely the Hebrew or the Jew or the Israelite.