

“DOG’S OWN VOMIT”

(II Pet. 2:20-22)

“20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first. 21 For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire,” II Pet. 2:20-22.

This text explains a person obeying the Gospel and then departing from it: *“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord,”* This is the **obeying of the Gospel**: Faith, Repentance, Confession and Baptism, then one has the remission of his sins, Acts 2:38. By this **obedience** one has *“escaped the defilements of the world,”* Rom. 6:17. When then, he goes back to the former life, it is said of him, *“He is again entangled therein and overcome.”* Now the word of the Lord says, *“It were better for him not to have known the way of righteousness, than after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment.”*

You understand, from this passage, that a person was cleansed and fell back into the old way – he sinned and fell from a relationship with Christ. In spite of the fact that many denominations teach the fact of the **“Impossibility of Apostasy,”** the word of God teaches otherwise. When a Christian falls from the true way, they are in a terrible mess! I would like to consider what condition such a one is in.

When a Christian does not attend services, does not remember the Lord’s death by partaking of the Lord’s Supper and does not live the life of a Christian, there are two things stated in II Pet. 2, about him. It is easy for us to think the best about ourselves and say, *“I really am not so bad and I should remember that I am not as bad as it seems!”* My friend, consider what the Lord thinks of you in your unfaithfulness.

Here is what the Lord says about you, if you are unfaithful: *“22 It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire,”* II Pet. 2:22. Both of these scenarios’ are bad. Many have been the times, when preaching and citing this passage, I see some in the audience smirking in disgust. Remember, in the eyes of the Lord, **if you are unfaithful**, the Lord is smirking in disgust, also.

There is nothing good about a *“dog turning to his own vomit,”* or *“a sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.”* Both are a terrible sight, and so is the man or woman who turns their back on the Lord.

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