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MINISTERING TO HERETICS (Part #3)

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 pertanate 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 that light because (they fear) their deeds being revealed.
- Until you get sick of your life and turn back to God to Barach (create anew) your soul, nothing will change!
- Scotos (darkness) is not a place your 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!