

“A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject: Knowing that he that is Such Is Subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.”
Titus 3:10-11no2 KJV



When our lust undermines our faith we collapse into sin! “Sub” means “under” and “vert” means “turn.” “Subvert” means to “turn from underneath” in a hidden or secret fashion. A subverted individual is one that is secretly controlled. Men are born spiritually subverted. *“He that believeth on [Jesus] is not condemned: but HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, because he hath not believed.”* All men are “shapen in iniquity; and in sin [conceived].” All men are “born losers!” Victory is only achieved through God’s Gift of Faith in Jesus Christ who gives to every BELIEVER the Gift of Eternal Life! *“For whatsoever is Born of God (your spirit through faith) overcometh the world: and this is the Victory that overcometh the world, EVEN OUR FAITH.”* God’s Word is the Vehicle of Faith and the Holy Spirit’s Power in in the new birth and life of every *“new creature in Christ. For by Grace are ye Saved through Faith, and that not of yourselves it is the GIFT of God. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. Without Faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please [God].”* We are “subverted,” turned from within, by the evil with which we are born: That is, our flesh, our body. Paul wrote concerning sin, *“Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, IN MY FLESH,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”* We cannot find good within ourselves without the Indwelling Presence of the Blessed Holy Spirit Who Indwells only the humble penitent who calls in Faith on the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ! We only walk in righteousness when we obey God’s Word! Jesus is *“the Word made flesh! There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* Walking *“after the Spirit”* is obeying God’s Word; plain and simple! To do otherwise is to be “subverted,” to “walk in the flesh,” or to walk in condemnation, *“being condemned of himself!”* It is the *“lusts of the flesh”* that subvert our faith and condemn us. True death is separation from the Lover of your soul – Jesus Christ, God’s Word! Anything that keeps you from God’s Word and obedience to it is sin *“and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death!”* Know God’s Word and know Jesus Christ! If there’s no Word, there’s no Jesus Christ! You will serve, but *“no man can serve two masters.”* You either serve the feelings of your flesh or the Facts of Faith, but not both! You cannot go east and west at the same time.

A heretic subverts his heart,
By seeking what his flesh imparts,
He’ll die for aye by sinful lust,
When his own flesh returns to dust! –CGP

Are you prepared to be a convert, turn against self, obeying through the Faith imparted by believing God’s Word? Or, will you be a “subverted heretic” by reveling in desire? There’s always the choice – the road of Eternal Life or the road of Eternal Death! You decide! In the end, God will honor your choice! Eternity with Him or Eternity without Him! Joshua told the Israelites;

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 KJV