

“But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, ‘The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.’” 2 Peter 2:22 KJV



Hogs wallow because they can't perspire. It matters little if the moisture is a pond or a mud hole; they just need to cool down. You can wash a hog, but as soon as it gets hot it will seek moisture in whatever form it can find. Much like the unbeliever, they are slaves of their nature. You can clean unbelievers up, but when tempted, they'll go back to their sin. God gives a man a "new" nature. *"IF any man be in Christ (that is; born again by the Spirit of God), he is a NEW CREATURE; old things are passed away; behold, All Things are become new."* The Spirit of God is God's Word directing thought. We do what we think and God is no different, but His thoughts are by His own nature infinite and Holy! *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," saith the LORD. 'For as the heavens are (universe is) higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.'* Unbeliever's good deeds avail them nothing in God's eyes! *"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses (good deeds) are as filthy (bloody) rags."* There are many "joiners," but when winds of persecution come the "chaff" flies away! John wrote, *"Even now are there many antichrists (false believers); whereby we know that it is the Last Time. They went out from (left) us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest (which proved) that they were not all of us."* Persecution of faith comes often from our own carnal flesh! *"Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed."* Anything which pulls you away from God's Word and prayer is straight from the Pit of Hell! Our eyes and ears are the portals through which we are enticed. In my case, it was physical ability. I asked God to draw me closer to Himself and He took away my strength, so I would stop depending on self! All men are literally prisoners of their flesh unless they love AND obey Eternity's Sovereign! God simply taught me this Truth, *"Without me, ye are nothing!"* I knew it, but I hadn't learned it! How many things do you know, but have never learned? Paul wrote, *"I HAVE LEARNED...to be content."* If your spiritual life depends on circumstance, ritual, or others instead of God's Word and presence, you are still in your old nature and will return again to your wallowing! If GOD has given us our Life, our desires will also *"become new! Delight thyself also in the Lord and HE WILL GIVE THEE THE DESIRES of thine heart. In my flesh, dwelleth no good thing...when I would do good, evil is present with me."* Without *"the MIND of Christ"* we will fail!

Through faith the Word creates new men,
Delivering from present sin,
Removing scales from blinded hearts,
Bestowing Life that ne'er will part! -CGP

Does sin make you miserable? Good! It's the discomfort of the mud that lets you know you're not a hog! Men get muddy, but then they bathe. When true believers sin, they repent and confess. Men fall all the time, but believers get up every time! Maybe not right away, but they will! Faith is what makes the difference.

"For a just man (believer) falleth seven times, AND RISETH UP AGAIN: but the wicked shall fall into mischief. – Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just (believer) shall live by his faith." Proverbs 24:16 – Habakkuk. 2:4 KJV