

I. Know the Plan - 2 Peter 3:16-18: The Christian Loser

2 Peter 2:8 - (for by what he [Lot] saw and heard [outside adversity], as a righteous man [a believer with eternal security although in reversionism], living among them [law of volitional responsibility], felt his righteous soul tormented [internal stress due to self-righteous indignation] day after day [no reversion recovery] with their lawless deeds [public homosexual behavior]),

2 Peter 2:9 - However, the Lord knows how to rescue the spiritual man from testing [Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot] and to keep the unrighteous under punishment [divine judgment in time] for the day of judgment [the Great White Throne],

2 Peter 2:10 - and especially those whose indulgence [*poreuomai*: to proceed in a way of life; to engage in a lifestyle] of the flesh [old sin nature's control of the soul produces a status of carnality]—lifestyle of carnality—results in a lustful [*epithumia*: the lust pattern of the sin nature] process of defilement [*miasmos*: the process of defilement, i.e., behavior] and despise authority [*kataphroneo*: to habitually look down upon with contempt]—and always reject the divine institutions as inconsequential.

Revelation 3:15 - I [Jesus Christ] know your accomplishments, that you are neither cold [you are not unbelievers] nor hot [you are not positive believers]; would that you were cold or hot [if cold, then faith in Christ would solve their problem; if hot, then Biblical problem-solving devices would be available for application].

Revelation 3:16 - Therefore, because you are lukewarm [believers who are enrolled in the Satanic Academy of Cosmic Instruction], in fact neither hot [positive believers] nor cold [unbelievers], I am about to vomit you out of My mouth [administration of the sin unto death].

1 Timothy 1:19 - Having and holding the content of faith and a good conscience [truth circulating in the stream of consciousness] which some have pushed aside [rejection of truth by believers], in fact, they have become shipwrecked concerning their faith [poor navigation takes them off course from grace].

1 Corinthians 3:1 - And I, brethren [*adelphos*: brothers; fellow believers], could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh [*sarkinos*: motivated by the sin nature's control of the soul due to ignorance of truth], as babes in Christ [new believers with a low doctrinal inventory].

1 Corinthians 3:2 - I gave you milk to drink [basic doctrines dealing with the foundational principles of Christianity], not solid food [advance doctrines of spiritual adulthood]; for you were not yet able to metabolize it [not a large enough inventory in the stream of consciousness to understand]. Indeed, even now you are not yet able [haven't yet metabolized the basics],

1 Corinthians 3:3 - for you are still fleshly [motivated by the desires of the sin nature]. For since there is jealousy and strife among you [outside adversity from people testing has stimulated the emotional complex of sins to produce internal stress], are you not fleshly [*sarkinos*], and are you not walking like mere men [*peripateo*: executing the lifestyle of the unbeliever]?

Philippians 3:18 - Many believers walk [*peripateo*: executing the lifestyle of the unbeliever] of whom I have often told you and now tell you even weeping, they are enemies of the cross of Christ,

Philippians 3:19 - whose end [the result of their lifestyle] is destruction [self-destruction due to rejection of truth], whose god is their appetite [emotions], and whose glory is their shame [no rewards], who set their minds on earthly things [misplaced priorities].