

DIFFERENT TYPES OF SINNERS #2 THE HERETIC

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I. A HERETIC DEFINED:

Heretic is [*hairetikos* / hahee-ret·ee· **kos** /] adj . AV translates as “that is a heretic” once. **1** fitted or able to take or choose a thing. **2** schismatic, factious, a follower of a false doctrine. **3** heretic.

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II. THE NATURE OF A HERETIC- V9

- A. Foolish arguments and quarrels
- B. Debate the word
- C. Have a negative influence in the church.

The Lord’s goal is that live in unity to the Word.

1Co ¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.²

When there is heresy in the body of Christ it must be dealt with.

Titus 1 ¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. ¹¹ They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain³

III. HOW TO DEAL WITH A HERETIC- Titus 3:10

adj **adj** : adjective

AV Authorized Version

¹Strong, J. (1996). *The exhaustive concordance of the Bible : Showing every word of the test of the common English version of the canonical books, and every occurrence of each word in regular order.* (electronic ed.). Ontario: Woodside Bible Fellowship.

²*The Holy Bible : New International Version.* 1996, c1984 (1 Co 1:10). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

³*The Holy Bible : New International Version.* 1996, c1984 (Tit 1:10-11). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

- A. Give such a person two warnings.
- B. If they do not respond correctly avoid them.

Heresy is dealt with only by the truth. If a person will not accept the truth they are to be avoided. However the goal is not to damn them but to bring them to the acknowledgement of the truth.

1Co 5 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife.² And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?³ Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present.⁴ When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present,⁵ hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

⁶Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?⁷ Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹⁰not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.¹¹ But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

¹²What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked man from among you.”

What was the result?

2Co 2 If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent—not to put it too severely.⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him.⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

Repentance and restoration occurs in the life of the man who had sinned. The wound of the church is healed. Truth was given and received.

- C. This is consistent with the teachings of Jesus.

a Or *that his body* ; or *that the flesh*

Matt. 18 ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

2Thes 3 ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. ¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

D. This is consistent with the teachings of John.

1John 1 Many deceivers, **who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh**, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ **Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God;** whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching,

What teaching? That Jesus Christ is come in the flesh and does not continue in the teaching of Christ..

v10 ...do not take him into your house or welcome him. ¹¹ Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

IV. THE JUDGMENT PLACED UPON A HERETIC

A. Self-condemned by the Word

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B. Lost

Gal. 5 ¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, **dissensions, factions** ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this **will not inherit the kingdom of God.** ⁴

a Some manuscripts do not have *against you*.

⁴*The Holy Bible : New International Version*. 1996, c1984 (Ga 5:19-21). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

C. Facing destruction

2Pe 2 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. **They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.**² Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

D. Separated from fellowship of the church