

Doctrine of the Loser Believer



I. Characteristics of a Loser Believer

Galatians 5:4

You¹ have been **severed**² from Christ, **you who are seeking**³ to be justified by law; **you have fallen from grace**⁴.

1. **You** – Loser Believer

2. **Severed** – Means to be unemployed and does not want to work; to become non-productive. It is used for a wife who is estranged from her husband because they no longer think the same way. He is still her husband and she is still his wife. The relationship is still there but does not have the rapport it once had. Our relationship with Christ is secure. But you can break fellowship – you do this to yourself (called carnality).

3. **You who are seeking** – human good

4. **You have fallen from grace** – Does not mean you can lose your salvation – it means to fail to utilize grace and substitute legalism, etc. (They no longer live the spiritual life). It is a nautical term meaning to drift off course – from the Christian Way of Life.

Hebrews 12:15

See to it¹ that no one **comes short**² of the **grace of God**³; that no **root**⁴ of **bitterness**⁵ **springing up**⁶ causes trouble, and by it **many**⁶ be defiled;

1. **See to it** – To exercise oversight over our lives; to give attention; constantly check yourself out; inspect; realize what weaknesses you have and work on them.

2. **Comes short** – Fail; to come late or tardy (to fall back from); to miss out on something through one's own fault (failure to advance toward maturity).

3. **Grace of God** – What God is willing to do for you.

4. **Root** - Used in a negative way here. Don't allow it to make its way into the innermost recesses of your soul i.e. the root reveals its true character.

5. **Bitterness** – Do not spread corruption all around. Don't produce fruit from the Old Sin Nature.

6. **Springing up** – To sprout in the mind. In order for anything to grow there must be a seed (the roots grow downward; the sprout shoots up).

7. **Many** – general community.

Here is one who comes short, who fails because deep within him is a root of bitterness that poisons everything and everyone – thereby many be defiled. This root of bitterness is like an infection that spreads through the whole community (hoi polloi) of believers. Notice, this describes a breakdown in human relations among believers because one believer has become bitter.

2 Peter 2:7-9

⁷ and if **He rescued**¹ **righteous**² Lot, **oppressed**³ by the **sensual**⁴ **conduct**⁵ of **unprincipled men**⁶

⁸ (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous **soul tormented day after day**⁷ with *their* **lawless deeds**⁸),

⁹ *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under **punishment**⁹ for the **day of judgment**¹⁰,

1. **He rescued** – From immoral, indecent conduct.

2. **Righteous** – A believer.

3. **Oppressed** – The homosexuals were the ones oppressing; Lot was not the one oppressing them. Therefore, the loser believer uses his own volition to convert the outside pressure of prosperity or adversity into the inside pressure of stress in the soul.

4. **Sensual** – Indecency: homosexuality is not only a sin but is described as indecency (abnormal).

5. **Conduct** – Way of life (by their behavior).

6. **Unprincipled men** – “lawless” i.e. for what he saw and heard as a righteous man living among them.

7. **Soul tormented day after day** – He was oppressing himself, for he was a loser believer with a tormented soul.

8. **Lawless deeds** – Homosexuality; he was not evangelizing them because he was living in carnality.

9. **Punishment** – Judgment for homosexuality is memorialized in the Dead Sea (Sodom and Gomorrah).

10. **For the day of Judgment.**

A. Whenever you are surrounded by evil deeds and you have some system of righteousness in your soul; it becomes a torment to you.

B. Lot was in a constant state of being upset. Torment of the soul does not solve the problem.

C. If you do not use the 10 Problem Solving Devices, you will become irritated to the point of torment; self-torture.

Matthew 4:1-11:

All believers are tempted by their Old Sin Nature in various ways and means at times. Some give in to temptation and sin easily; others do not.

4:1-4: Deals with the relationship of Christ to the indwelling Holy Spirit.

4:5-7: Deals with his relationship with the Word of God (Bible Doctrine).

4:8-11: Deals with his relation with God the Father's plan!

Revelation 3:15-16

¹⁵ 'I **know**¹ your **deeds**², that you are neither **cold nor hot**³; **I would**⁴ that you were **cold or hot**⁵. ¹⁶ 'So because you are **lukewarm**⁶, and neither hot nor cold, **I will spit you out of My mouth**⁷.

1. **Know** – Confirmed knowledge (nothing is hidden from God (thought, deed).

2. **Deeds** – It's foolish to run and hide (as Adam & Eve did). Sooner or later, we will stand before Him.

3. **Cold nor hot** – Not useable.

4. **I would** – Protocol Plan of God.

5. **Cold or hot** – Productive, useful.

6. **Lukewarm** – They were once hot but now they have cooled down. It is referring to Christians who are no longer in a useable, teachable state that they once were.

7. **I will spit you out of my mouth** – Divine/Maximum Discipline. **1 John 5:16**

James 1:8

being a **double-minded**¹ man, **unstable**² in **all his ways**³.

1. **Double-minded** – Divided loyalties. Dispsuchos (two-spirited) – vacillating in opinion or purpose.

2. **Unstable** – Restless, unsettled because they are never satisfied with anything in life.

3. **All his ways** – When you are out of fellowship, nothing pleases God!

James 4:8

Draw near¹ to God and **He will draw near**² to you. **Cleanse**³ your hands, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**⁴, you double-minded.

1. **Draw near** – Positive volition to the teaching of the Word.

2. **He will draw near** – Fellowship.

3. **Cleanse** – Rebound.

4. **Purify your hearts** – From negative thinking. Divine Viewpoint is how God wants you to think.

1 Timothy 1:19

keeping¹ faith and a good **conscience**², **which some**³ **have rejected**⁴ and suffered **shipwreck**⁵ in regard to their faith.

1. **Keeping** – “To have and to hold”. We have the Word of God within ourselves, that is, within our soul. We have Bible Doctrine at our disposal. No one can put doctrine in your soul but you. You do so by positive volition. No one can remove doctrine from your soul but you. You do this by negative volition.

2. **Conscience** – Resistance to the voice of conscience. We only have a good or clear conscience by have good and clear norms and standards in our conscience. We have a good and clear conscience by learning and believing the norms and standards from the Word of God. Only then will we have a clear conscience.

3. **Which some** – Loser believers (carnal).

4. **Have rejected** – Means no longer pay attention to previous beliefs. Refuse to listen; to push outside. It is not the number one priority in their lives.

5. **Shipwreck** – They sink their faith in the sea of man – failure in the spiritual life; failure to execute God’s will for their lives.

You will either carry your cargo of Bible Doctrine in your soul to the safe harbor of heaven or you will be shipwrecked in the cosmic system and lose your entire cargo in the process.

It all depends on how you steer the ship, and no one is steering the ship but you.

There are plenty of storms during the journey off course and cause you to abandon ship and give up on the journey, but God has also provided an anchor in the soul to keep you safe in those storms.

Hebrews 6:19 *This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,*

2 John 1:8-9

⁸ **Watch yourselves**¹, that you might not lose what we **have accomplished**², but that you may receive a **full reward**³. ⁹ **Anyone**⁴ who **goes too far**⁵ and does not abide in the **teaching of Christ**⁶ does **not have God**⁷; the one who **abides in the teaching**⁸, he **has both the Father and the Son**⁹.

1. **Watch yourselves** – The warning is that if you lose your momentum “you will lose”. Keep a watchful eye upon yourself. Take a realistic look at yourself.
2. **Have accomplished** – Your momentum to destroy, ruin (vacuum in the soul). **Eph. 4:17-24**
3. **Full reward** – Fellowship is also related to having correct doctrine. See that you do not forfeit the reward of your labor.
4. **Anyone** – Loser Believer “carnal”.
5. **Goes too far** – Beyond the limits of doctrine. Example: Football – if you stop out of bounds before you cross the goal line, it does not count.
6. **Teaching of Christ** – Doctrine – that which is taught.
7. **Not have God** – Breaks fellowship (they have lost contact with God).
8. **Abides in the teaching** – Takes in doctrine.
9. **Has both the Father and the Son** – In fellowship.

James 1:23-24

²³ For **if**¹ anyone is a **hearer of the word and not a doer**², he is like a man who **looks**³ at **his natural face in a mirror**⁴; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and **gone away**⁵, he has immediately forgotten **what kind of person he was**⁶.

1. **If** – 1st Class and is it true.
2. **Hearer of the word and not a doer** – Not applied word. They understand out don’t apply (negative volition toward applying).
3. **Looks** – A long hard look.
4. **His natural face in a mirror** – He not only sees his reflection but studies it so that he understands all the flaws and blemishes that exist. His natural face represents his real life. He listens but does not put the Word into practice (no application). The Word of God shows us exactly what we look like spiritually.
5. **Gone Away** – To depart.
6. **What kind of person he was** – Looks into the mirror (the Word of God) leaves without making any changes, forgetting what he saw (self-deception).

III. The Description of the Loser Believer

Romans 8:7 THE CARNAL BELIEVER

because **the mind set on the flesh**¹ is **hostile toward**² God; for it does not **subject itself to the law**³ of God, for **it is not even able to do so**³;

1. **The mind set on the flesh** – Controlled by the Old Sin Nature.
2. **Hostile toward** – Legalism, emotionalism, human good (shuts the door).
3. **Subject itself to the law** – Holy Spirit – Spirit controlled life.
4. **It is not even able to do so** – No matter how hard you try, if you are out of fellowship, there is nothing you can do to please God.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

¹ And I, **brethren**¹, could not speak to you as to **spiritual men**², but as to men of **flesh**³, as to **babes in Christ**⁴. ² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, ³ for you are **still fleshly**⁵. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not **walking like mere men**⁶?

1. **Brethren** – Believers
2. **Spiritual men** – In fellowship.
3. **Flesh** – Old Sin Nature.
4. **Babes in Christ** – A term for ignorance. No doctrine. Living in carnality.
5. **Still fleshly** - Walking according to the Old Sin Nature.
6. **Walking like mere man** – You are walking just like an unbeliever.

Romans 7:23 - Prisoner to the Law of Sin

but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the **law of my mind**¹, and **making me a prisoner of the law**² of **sin**³ which is in my members.

1. **Law of my mind** – The Old Sin Nature wars against the Word of God.
2. **Making me a prisoner of the law** – To its rules, laws, regulations, principles.
3. **Of sin** – The Sin nature has its own rules, regulations, laws and principles. There are certain things every person's sin nature demands, and it demands these things based on its own rules and principles. Do whatever you want.

As a prisoner to the law of sin, the loser believer cannot stop from following the Old Sin Nature. They spend their walking (Christian Way of Life (CWL)) thinking of ways to fulfill the lust of the Old Sin Nature. As unbelievers, we have only one “get out of jail free” card. FAICA (Faith Alone in Christ Alone). As believers: Rebound.

Romans 7:24

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of **this death**?

1. **Wretched** - A miserable, distressed condition; a vile sinful person; as an unbeliever he was miserable. Why, as a believer, do I want to go back to that lifestyle?

2. **This death** – spiritual death. Christ is the answer.

Galatians 5:16-21

¹⁶ But I say, **walk by** the Spirit, and you **will not carry out the desire of the flesh**. ¹⁷ **For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh**; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things **that you please**. ¹⁸ But **if** you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not **under the Law**. ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: **immorality, impurity, sensuality**, ²⁰ **idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife**, jealousy, **outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions**, ²¹ **envying**, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who **practice** such things **shall not inherit the kingdom of God**.

All Christians are capable of falling in any of these sins but they do not live in the sin. It is not part of their daily existence. The loser believer lives by his sin and it becomes his way of life. He devotes his thinking and energy fulfilling one of the lusts of the flesh.

1. **Walk** – denotes a lifestyle.

2. **by** – by means of; in fellowship (abiding).

3. **will not carry out the desire of the flesh** – it is impossible to sin – you have to do something before you sin “stop walking”. You decide you do not want the Holy Spirit to control you.

4. **For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh** – that is Spiritual warfare inside of us.

5. **that you please** – You do not lose the Old Sin Nature at conversion – you gain the Holy Spirit.

6. **if** – 1st class and it is true.

7. **led by the Spirit** – in fellowship.

8. **under the Law** - outward commands.

9. **immorality, impurity, sensuality** – sexual sins, begins as a mental attitude sin (a thought, a desire).

10. idolatry – directed toward God. May be something or someone.
sorcery – toward self. We get our word pharmacy from it; drug addiction.
enmities – hatred directed toward others
strife - to strike back

11. outbursts of anger – emotional without facts

12. disputes, dissensions, facts, - believing something contrary to the Word

13. envying – mental attitude sin

14. practice – not those who commit these sins, but if you continue to practice these sins and not deal with it.

15. shall not inherit the kingdom of God – the Millennial Kingdom. If you live your Christian Way of Life based on the pattern lust of the Old Sin Nature, you will forfeit your inheritance in the Millennial not heaven. If entering into heaven was based on not practicing these deeds, then salvation would be based on avoiding certain practices (works not grace). Illustration: Moses was not permitted to enter the land.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1. Grieve the Holy Spirit – producing sins from the area of weakness in our Old Sin Nature. Deals with moral issues: lying, stealing, jealousy, gossip, slander, anger, deceit, dishonesty.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Do not quench the Spirit;

1. Do not quench – producing human good from the area of strength in the Old Sin Nature. Witnessing, giving money to gain approval from Go. Human good soothes the conscience and keeps the believer from rebounding. Do it as unto the Lord, or don't do it.

Philippians 3:18-19

¹⁸ **For many**¹ **walk**², of whom I often told you, and now tell you **even weeping**³, *that they are* enemies of the **cross of Christ**⁴, ¹⁹ whose **end**⁵ is destruction, **whose god**⁶ is *their* **appetite**⁷, and *whose* **glory**⁸ is in **their shame**⁹, who set their minds on earthly things.

1. For many – Not a few; false teachers and believers. They are communicators of their own word, but not God's Word – example: Eternal Security.

2. Walk – a manner in which a person lives his life.

3. Even weeping – Paul is so hurt by this he can hardly get his words out. "Lump in his throat".

4. Cross of Christ – This is not used literal, since we cannot be the enemy of an inanimate object. It is used figuratively here and refers to the message of the cross. Faith Alone in Christ Alone.'

5. **End** – Termination of life (sin unto death).
6. **Whose god** – Used here in the sense of the supreme authority in one's life.
7. **Appetite** – His emotions. Makes decisions based on his emotions.
8. **Glory** – His fame, recognition, honor and prestige.
9. **Their shame** – Dishonor, disgrace at the Bema.

James 4:4

You adulteresses¹, do you not know² that friendship with the world³ is hostility toward God?
Therefore whoever wishes to be **a friend of the world⁴ makes⁵ himself an enemy of God⁶.**

1. **You adulteresses** – Jesus Christ is our right man. If we are out of fellowship, we are committing adultery.
2. **Do you not know** – The issue is knowing doctrine in order to do what is right. It is a challenge to learn Bible Doctrine in order to have all the facts to base our decisions upon.
3. **Friendship with the world** – Satan's kingdom **1 John 2:15**.
4. **A friend of the world** – Has already made up his mind.
5. **Makes** – Appoints himself.
6. **Enemy of God** – Example: Satan is God's enemy and when you live according to the Kosmos you are applying the philosophy of the enemy.

James 1:22-25

²² But **prove¹** yourselves **doers²** of the word, and not merely hearers who **delude themselves³**. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

1. **Prove** – To become
2. **Doers** – To apply the Word; respond in active obedience.
3. **Delude themselves** – To be deceived by false reasoning; you do it to yourself.

IV. The Warning to the Christian Loser

Revelation 3:11

'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown.

Philippians 3:18-19

¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

V. The Options of the Christian Loser

The loser believer has the option of rebound; recovery of the filling of the Holy Spirit and the continuation of the spiritual life.

Ephesians 4:23-24

²³ and that **you be renewed**¹ in the **spirit of your mind**², ²⁴ and **put on**³ the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

1. **You be renewed** – **1 John 1:9**: Rebound does not give you the right to sin, but to serve. It refers to the ability to do. Why are so many Christians so confused and mixed up? They have emptied their mind of the thoughts of God. Sin has broken fellowship. Inhale and exhale Bible Doctrine (renovated inwardly).

2. **Spirit of your mind** – This lifestyle starts on the inside and works its way out.

3. **Put on** – Holy Spirit controlled. This refers to our responsibilities to God. Freedom demands responsibility.

A. Put off the Old Man – don't let the Old Sin Nature control you.

B. Be renewed in the spirit – rebound.

C. Put on the new man – let the Holy Spirit control you.

VI. The Loser Cannot Lose His Salvation, Only Escrow Blessings

VII. Profile of a Loser

2 Timothy 3:2-7 ² **For men**¹ will be **lovers of self**², lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, **ungrateful**³, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, **reckless**⁴, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these. ⁶ For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1. **For men** – Believers

2. **Lovers of self** – Self-absorbed; self-deception

3. **Ungrateful** – Lack of compassion.

4. **Reckless** – Lose control

Once you become distracted from the plan of God, you are looking for happiness based on self-deception and becoming self-absorbed. The loser believer has no motivation. He is bored. He has no spiritual values, no doctrine, no spiritual skills, no problem solving devices, unstable, and twists and distorts the Bible for his own justification. They contradict the protocol plan of God. The result is volitional responsibility. Making bad decisions results in self-punishment and divine discipline.

Revelation 21:6-8

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. ⁷ " He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸ " But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The Conscience – Present at Birth But Not Operational

The Greek word "eidesis (noun) comes from the verb (oide (oida) means to have inherent knowledge. The conscience is part of the kardia (heart) the dominate part of your soul in contrast to the perceptive part of your soul called the nous (mind) the inward moral impression of one's actions and principles (moral judgment).

1. The conscience contains no norms and standards at physical birth.
2. As the mentality of the soul becomes operational, norms and standards are developed and stored in the conscience (knowledge is your ruler).
3. The norms and standards of the soul are determined by whatever is accepted as truth, disregarding whether the information accepted as truth is true or false. For example:
 - A. True norm/standard: worry is a sin
 - B. False norm/standard: dancing is a sin
4. The conscience makes an individual feel guilty when the individual violates one of the norms or standards contained in his conscience.
 - A. Dancing is sin
 - B. Man can lose his salvation
5. The conscience makes an individual feel guilty when the individual violates one of the norms or standards contained in his conscience.
6. It is the conscience that makes an individual feel guilty for wrongdoing, not the Holy Spirit.
7. If there is no norm or standard established in the conscience, an individual will not feel guilty when he commits a sin for which he has no norm or standard. For example:

- A. If the believer has not heard that worry is a sin, he will not feel guilty when he commits the sin of worry.
- B. If the believer has not heard that jealousy is a sin, he will not feel guilty when he commits the sin of jealousy.
- C. If the believer rejects the truth that racial prejudice is a sin, he will not feel guilty when he commits the sin of fornication.
- D. If the believer rejects the truth that fornication is a sin, he will not feel guilty when he commits the sin of fornication.

- 8. The Holy Spirit convicts (the word “convicts” means “enlightens”) the unbeliever concerning the sin of unbelief, the righteousness of Christ, and the judgment of Satan, but the Holy Spirit does not make anyone (believer or unbeliever) FEEL anything.
(John 14:8-11)
- 9. The Holy Spirit never makes anyone FEEL GUILTY of sin. That is the responsibility of the conscience, and that can only be accomplished after the norm/standard has been established in the conscience.