

Grace Valley Bible Church
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Lesson: ONLY ONE TO DO (part two)

We have been studying Paul's recovery from reversionism. This is the fourth Sunday lesson on this subject during June of 2024.

By REVERSIONISM, we are referring to a believer REVERTING to some former old man cosmos diabolicus (OMCD) lifestyle which is in opposition to the directive will of God (Phil.3:3,4,7, 8).

In Phil.3:1-11, Paul explains that his OMCD problem was his former life success in Judaism before his salvation experience of Acts 9.

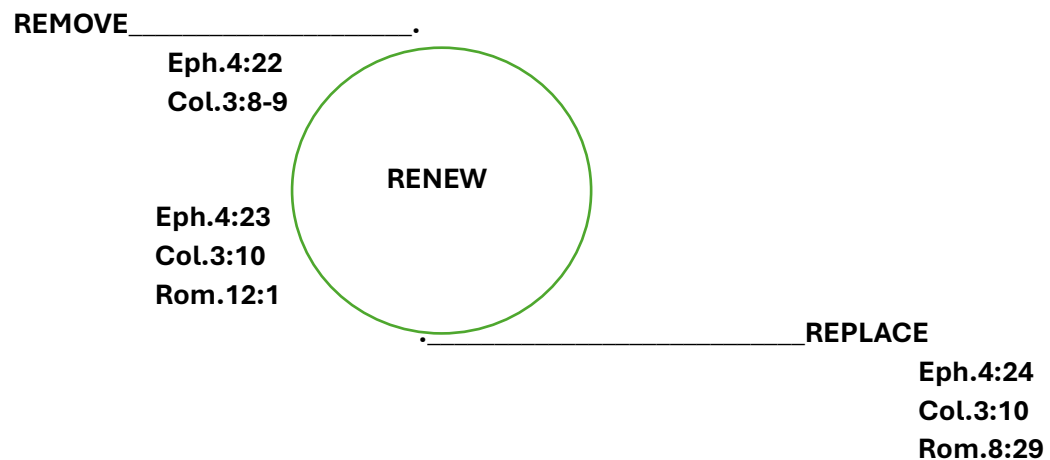
After his salvation (1 Cor15:3-4; Eph.2:8-9; Rom.1:16), he was called to be the Apostle to the Gentiles. This became his new man divine viewpoint (NMDV) thinking of life.

He progressed from a baby believer to a spiritual mature believer until he was given the Call to Macedonia in Acts 16:9-10). When he accepted the Call, he was field promoted to Super-grace maturity (2 Thess.1:3/ Everything Greater).

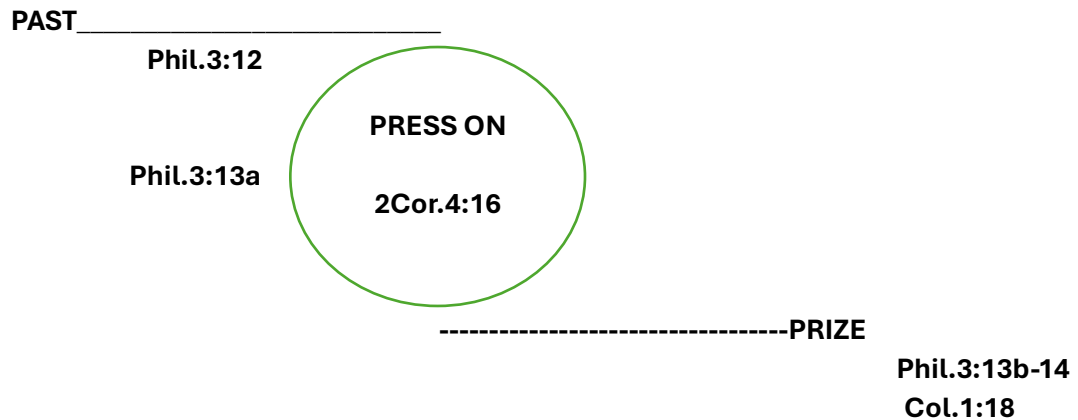
He evangelized Greece in light speed; and his Super-grace Call was expanded to the European theater (Rome and Spain (Rom.15:26-29).

Last week we introduced Paul's recovery from reversionism in two parts: Preliminary Recovery and Maintenance Recovery.

1. We will review three steps involved in Preliminary Recovery recorded in Eph.4:22-24 and Col.3:8-10 by a diagram.



2. Our next diagram is Maintenance of Reversionism Recovery. It involves three steps recorded in Phil.3:12-14.



3. Paul is encouraging spiritual advancing believers to “press on to reach and maintain super-grace status” in Christian Way of Life (CWL). “*SO THAT I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.*” (Phil.3:12b).

In Super-grace, God elevates everything GREATER according to the will of God.

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is GREATLY enlarged, and the love of each one of you towards one another grows ever GREATER (huperauxano).” (2 Thess. 1:3)

Paul used a special Greek phrase to emphasize this point of doctrine. *“Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; BUT ONE THING I DO; forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead.” (Phil.3:13).*

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us. LET US also LAY ASIDE (apotithemi/ a.m.ptc.plm) every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and (let us) RUN with endurance the race that is set before us, (let us) FIXING (aphorao/ p.a.ptc.plm) OUR EYES on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the jot set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb. 12:1-2)