

Titus 3:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Analysis

Knowing that he that is such is subverted—εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος (eidōs hoti exestraptai ho toioutos)—ἐκστρέφω (ekstrephō, turn inside out/pervert/corrupt). Perfect tense ἐξέστραπται (exestraptai) indicates settled condition: the heretic is fundamentally twisted. **And sinneth, being condemned of himself** (καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος, kai hamartanei, ōn autokatakritos)—present tense ἁμαρτάνει (hamartanei, keeps sinning) shows habitual action. αὐτοκατάκριτος (autokatakritos, self-condemned) is compound: αὐτός (autos, self) + κατακρίνω (katakrinō, condemn).

The heretic condemns himself by persisting in error after clear warning. His continued false teaching demonstrates hardened rebellion, not mere ignorance. Church discipline reveals heart condition: humble sheep receive correction; wolves reject it (Acts 20:29-30).

Historical Context

The New Testament distinguishes degrees of error: sincere confusion requiring gentle instruction (2 Timothy 2:24-26) versus hardened false teaching requiring sharp rebuke and rejection (Titus 1:13, 3:10). Apostolic authority could definitively identify heretics; later eras required theological precision and conciliar processes (ecumenical councils).

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Do you receive correction humbly, or does pride make you resist and defend even when wrong?
2. How do you discern between sincere error (requiring patient teaching) and hardened heresy (requiring rejection)?
3. In what ways might you be "self-condemned"—persisting in known sin or error despite warnings?

Interlinear Text

εἰδὼς	ὅτι	ἐξέστραπται	ὁ	τοιοῦτος	καὶ	ἁμαρτάνει
Knowing	that	is subverted	G3588	he that is such	and	sinneth
G1492	G3754	G1612		G5108	G2532	G264
ὢν	αὐτοκατάκριτος					
being	condemned of himself					
G5607	G843					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 10:26 (Sin): For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Acts 15:24 (Parallel theme): Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

John 3:18 (Parallel theme): He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Luke 19:22 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

2 Timothy 2:14 (Parallel theme): Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

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