



Hungry Dogs and Dirty Hogs  
2 Peter 2:17-22

2 Peter 2:17-22 (NIV)

These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

## Three Great Lessons:

### I. Eternal Security -

***Don't just look real, Be Real!***

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John 10:28-29 (ESV)

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

### II. Genuine Salvation -

***Our Nature always determines our appetite and our behavior.***

Verse 22 – “What the true proverb says has happened to them: ‘The dog returns to its own vomit.’”

Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV)

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

Psalms 119:103 (NIV)

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

### III. Continuing Sanctification -

***Getting Dirty is never the same as Staying Dirty.***

Verse 22 – “...the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”

1 John 1:8-9 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 3:6-9 (ESV)

No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.