**II Peter 2:20-22**

II Pet 2:20-22 reads “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

We know these people had become Christians because it says they had "escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of ... Christ." When the KJV has “pollutions” here, it is not talking about smog. The footnote has “sins.” The ASV has “defilements.” Only a Christian has escaped his sins through the knowledge of Christ. Here is how Heb 3:1,12 puts it - "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus ...Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

But these Christians in II Peter 2 had become entangled again in the sins of the world. And so the text says about them "the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." In other words, they would have been better off never having become a Christian in the first place, than becoming a Christian and then quit serving the Lord. Obviously a person who has never become a Christian in the first place is not going to be saved, so if the fallen away Christian is worse off than that, then he is not going to be saved either. This then is a clear example of a text that proves OSAS is false.

Verse 22 supplies a couple of analogies to illustrate. One of them involves a pig that is washed returning to the mud. This is a how God views a fallen away Christian. It is like washing a pig (that would be the initial forgiveness of sins when a person is born again), and then the pig returning back into the mud. That would be like a Christian returning to the sins of the world from which he came.

I read somewhere there are more than 2500 warnings in the Bible against the possibility of falling. We don’t have “shark warnings” here in north Alabama. Why? Because there are no sharks here. So if the Bible warns Christians so many times against falling, it must be possible for a Christian to fall.

Other passages that teach OSAS is false are:

Gal 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

James 5:19-20 "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

Rev 3:5 "He that overcometh … I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

II Chron 15:2 “if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but **if ye forsake him, he will forsake you**”

II Tim 2:12b - “if we deny him, he also will deny us”