

Heresy/Heretick

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DICTIONARY OF SCRIPTURAL & RELIGIOUS TERMS

Heresy and *heretic* (*heretick*) are found several times in the KJV Bible; specially in the New Testament. Both words have to do with a false religion or with a false teaching regarding true Christian doctrine.

An example of a heresy would be the teaching that a true Christian who has, by faith, trusted the Lord Jesus Christ and His atoning work, shed blood and resurrection from among the dead, *can be lost again, even though that person was truly saved*. This is a false and very wicked heresy. **Sect** is a similar word used in the Bible which is closely related in meaning to *heresy*.

A *heretic* is simply a person who promotes or follows a *heresy*/false teaching. “*Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation*” (Acts 5:17). The Jewish sect/heresy of the Sadducees taught that there is no resurrection—that once a person dies they cease to exist; a terrible and false doctrine.

If a Christian (a real believer or just a professor) teaches a *heresy* Paul warns that “*A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject*” (Titus 3:10).