

Series "Knowing And Growing In Christ"
"Denouncing The False Teachers"
2 Peter 2:10-22
Study-7

2 Peter 2 – Faith's Contentions: Keep Resisting False Teachers.

2 Peter 2:1-3 – "Profile Of A False Teacher"

2 Peter 2:4-10 – "God's Judgment On False Teachers"

2 Peter 2:10-22 – "Denouncing The False Teachers" Jude 8-12

Thought Of The Passage: "The Conduct, Creed And Character Of The False Teachers Leads To Suffering Wrong As The Wages Of Doing Wrong."

1. Verses 10-14 – Conduct Of The False Teachers

2. Verses 15-19 – Creed Of The False Teachers

3. Verses 20-22 – Character Of The False Teachers

1. Verses 10-14 – Conduct Of The False Teachers:

2 Peter 2:10 – "and especially those" – The Context: 2 Peter 2:1-3 – "Profile Of The False Teachers."

2 Peter 2:4-10 – "God's Wrath And Rescue"

"and especially those who indulge the flesh" – The key to the passage: "they (False Teachers) walk after the flesh;" living a sinful walk!

"despise authority." – They scorn authority; Exodus 20:3 – "Shameless Insubordination"

Verses 10-11 – Insubordination: "Daring," – Bold, rash, presumptuous; person who is full of pride; defies God and man, doing and defying what is right. "self-willed," – self-pleasing, conceit, arrogant, headstrong, against authority; "person determined to please himself at all costs," 2 Peter 2:1.

Extent Of Insubordination: "they do not tremble when they revile (Blaspheme) angelic majesties," – "to slander angelic glories;" demons; Jude 8, We are lower than angels; Psalm 8:5, Divine majesty; They see themselves as the final authority, greater than angels. Acts 19;13-16; Paul said... Romans 12:3.

2 Peter 2:11 – "whereas angels who are greater in might and power" – the argument from the greater to the lesser.

"do not bring a reviling judgment against them" – False Teachers; angels don't accuse the false teachers; "before the Lord." – Jude 1:9.
Verse 12 – Irrational: 2 Peter 2:12 – "But these," – "the false teachers;"
"like unreasoning animals," – "without words;" so as without thoughts and irrational; Can't reason with an animal, Romans 1:21-22.

"born as creatures of instinct" – programmed by God.

"reviling where they have no knowledge," – Can't understand the things of the Spirit.

"will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed," – false teachers have carved out their own destiny for themselves; will suffer destruction through their own lusts, Galatians 6:8.

Verses 13-14 – Immorality: 2 Peter 2:13 – "suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong." – Reaping and sowing, Colossians 3:25.

Shameless Decadence: "They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime." – Usually persons do wrong in the cover of night!

"They are stains" – "unwanted blots, spots, ugly stains." "and blemishes," – figurative for "morally disgraceful persons;" Priest with a defect was not worthy to offer a sacrifice! Leviticus 21:17

Ephesians 5:27; 1 Peter 1:19

"reveling in their deceptions," – these false teachers find it a pleasure to riot or carouse in the daytime! Hebrews warns about the deception, Hebrews 3:13.

"as they carouse with you," – the early church fellowships, Jude 1:12.

2 Peter 2:14 – "having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin," – They are dreaming of their passions, and never stop sinning. Exodus 20:14 – Jesus interpreted this to mean – Matthew 5:28.

"enticing unstable souls," – a fishing metaphor "to catch with bait." They "beguile, allure, delude;" They look for the weak and vulnerable, those not grounded.

"having a heart trained" – our English "gymnasium;" "in greed,"

"in greed," – "they trained their hearts in covetous practices, experts in greed, continuous use, to be greedy or covet what belongs to another," Exodus 20:17.

2. Verses 15-19 – Creed Of The False Teachers:

2 Peter 2:15 – Their Belief: “forsaking the right way,” – Forsaking – “direct deliberate rebellion against Scripture, decisive, and determined abandonment of the way;” They have rejected Jesus Christ as the way.

“right” – “straight”; “way” – is made up of a system of articles men call a creed, John 14:6; 2 Peter 2:2.

“they have gone astray,” – “they first wandered away in their intellect, then it was affections, then moral and spiritual wanderings into gross sins,” Jude 1:13.

Verses 15-16 – The Covetous Way: “having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor,” – Numbers 22-24; 31:16; “who loved the wages of unrighteousness;” – The name “Balaam” – “a destroyer of the people;” became the prototype of an unprincipled false teacher seeking gain; NT – Nicolaitans – Revelation 2:14-15. Balaam’s father Beor – “flesh;” Balaam was hired by Balak, king of Moab, who feared Israel, Numbers 22:18; still tried, Jude 1:11.

2 Peter 2:16

“but he received a rebuke for his own transgression,” – For Balaam’s way was a transgression or lawless way. Balaam used idolatry and uncleanness in order to gratify his greedy desires.

Dumb Donkey Versus The Mad Prophet: “for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.” – The term “madness” – “someone beside himself, not having full control of oneself, actions that are contrary, that are senseless, silly, not of reason.”

“for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man,” – Numbers 22:21-35, We need to take heed to God’s Word, not that of the false teachers.

Verses 17-19 – Offering Emptiness And Slavery: 2 Peter 2:17 – “These are springs without water” – “waterless fountains;” no message of hope, no spiritual refreshment, wisdom or life.

John 4:13-14

“and mists driven by a storm,” – clouds that give hope from the drought but leaving behind parched ground, no refreshment, Jude 1:12.

Their Sentence: “for whom the black darkness has been reserved.” – Jude 1:13.

2 Peter 2:18 – “For speaking out arrogant words of vanity” – “great swelling, high sounding highly inflated speeches.”

“vanity” – God’s appraisal that the words are nothing more than a collection of verbal nothingness that accomplishes nothing; “Get this in your spirit!”

“they entice by fleshly desires,” – “cravings or lusts from the unregenerate nature.”

“by sensuality,” – the bait they use, debauchery. “those who barely escape” – “have fled away a little;” Babes in Christ, novice of the faith, new converts.

“from the ones who live in error,” – These are, at best, infant Christians.

2 Peter 2:19

Profession Without Possession: “promising them freedom” – Sin always promises but never delivers; Promises freedom but delivers slavery!

John 8:36 – “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

“while they themselves are slaves of corruption;” – False teachers are slaves themselves. They cannot be what God called them to be.

“for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.” – Military custom – “taking defeated enemies in chains as slaves of the victorious army,” John 8:34.

3. Verses 20-22 – Character Of The False Teachers:

2 Peter 2:20 – “by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” – This knowledge means “full, precise, intimate knowledge,” not conversion! There has been no change in nature, 2 Peter 2:22.

Hebrews 6:4

“they are again entangled in them and are overcome,” – They return to their former life.

“the last state has become worse for them than the first.” – A relapse is always more serious than the original illness.

Matthew 12:43-45 – Jesus speaks of being freed from Satan, but remaining unsaved; 7 more demons return and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.

Galatians 5:16

2 Peter 2:21 – “For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness,” – “the way of truth;” the knowledge of salvation by grace through faith!

“holy commandment handed on to them.” – turned their backs on the moral Law!

2 Peter 2:22 – “true proverb,” – use unclean animals to illustrate the old nature, Matthew 7:6.

“A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” – Proverbs 26:11. Why does a dog return to his vomit? Because He is a dog; the nature of the dog.

“and, ‘A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.’” – Because the pig was not cleaned (Filthy) through the washing; still the nature of the pig.

Application:

1. Walk Close With God, Cultivate And Open Relationship With Him. Pray, Read The Word, Share Your Heart, Wait On Him, Fellowship Through Praise And Worship.
2. The Salvation Offered Through Christ Is Full, Final, And Free.
3. There Will Always Be Non-Christians In The Church.
4. If You Follow False Teachers, You Are Responsible For Your Own Actions, And You Will Experience An End Which Is Worse Than If You Had Never Come To The Knowledge Of God.