

Peter's First Epistle

II-PETER

CHAPTER 2:1-3

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

***“WILL THE REAL FALSE PROPHET
PLEASE STAND UP”***

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

2-Peter 1:3

*as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us
by glory and virtue,*

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 2:1-3

The Epistle is Dedicated to
“Living in the Last Days”

Something Very Interesting Takes Place Here in This Chapter.
Beginning with Verse 1 all the way down to Verse 22 there is only one paragraph in the Greek new testament...

This One Single Thought of Peter's is Clear...
“False Prophets and Teachers made Him Sick”
...I Think He Learned That From Jesus

Exposing Satan's Counterfeit's

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

The Church is Failing Greatly at This Hour at Exposing False Teachers and Teaching

1 Timothy 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God,
the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Church Itself has been given the ability to Judge its own

1 Corinthians 12:10a

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy
to another discerning of spirits,

The Horoscope is of the world

but a lot of Christians carry their occultic practices over into their Christianity

“the lord told me to tell you...

I have a word for you brother, you will move to Detroit”

...and enjoy it

As Christian's we need to Condition Ourselves Now to Judge
Everything we Hear in light of The Bible
What Does The Bible Say About It

Acts 17:11

Now the Berean Christians were of more noble in character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was really true.

Search and See

John 5:39

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Assurance Against False Prophets & Teachers
and knowing the will of God

Proverbs 3:1-7

My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; ² For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, ⁴ And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. ⁵ **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart, and **lean not on your own understanding**; (don't try to figure it out - it's of faith) ⁶ In all your ways **acknowledge Him**, (ask him to be leading you) and He shall direct your paths. ⁷ **Do not be wise in your own eyes**; (don't think that you have all the answers) be in awe of the LORD and stay away from evil.

Last Week

1.) Be Ready to Identify Them; *By Their Conduct vv. 1*

#1

Infiltration of the Body

vv. 1

Verse 1

But there were also false prophets among the people, **even as there will be false teachers among you**, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

1a.) Their Conduct will be Deceptive:

Jude 1:4

For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, **who turn the grace of our God into lewdness** and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:17-18

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

Jesus Said This.... Matthew 23:24-34

"Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel

²⁵ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. ²⁶ "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. ²⁷ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. ²⁹ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ "and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² "Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. ³³ "Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? ³⁴ "Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

1b.) Their Conduct will be Predictable:

Verse 1b

there will be false teachers among you (us)...

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

² For (because) men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power.

And from such people turn away!

1c.) Their Conduct is Influential:

Verse 1c

...who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,

- * **Secretly** GRK 3919 **pareisago** (par-ice-ag'-o);
to bring it alongside. to dwell along side you. to infiltrate
- * **Heresies** GRK 139 **hairesis** (hah'-ee-res-is);
to offer a choice, i.e. a party or disunion: KJV-- heresy [which is the Greek word itself], sect.

This Moring In Our Comfort and Security...
we would never think that a church or Bible study setting
could be dangerous or perilous place....

BUT THINK OF THE CHILDRENS MINISTRY A MOMENT

Like a Pirate,

Satan is methodically sails along in search for anyone that can be overtaken, pillaged, and left for dead.

Like a Lion,

Satan is lurking in the weeds awaiting an opportunity

**But Any One of Satan's Opportunities To
Attack, Must First Be Given To Him**

Genesis 4:7

God Told Cain Just Before He Murdered His Brother Abel...

"If you do well, will not {your countenance} be lifted up? And if you do not do well, **sin is crouching at your door**; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

The Early Fought False Teaching

*“All Road's Lead to God,” That’s True
But There's Only One Way to Get to Heaven*

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

No Other Gospel & No Other Jesus

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last (*of*) days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

What is the Last Book of Your Bible... Revelation!

Revelation 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ,

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

This Book is So **Powerful** in Nature, **Divine** in Origin,
Eternal in Scope that *it is itself the last word*

Hebrews 13:9

Do not (stop it) be carried about with various and strange doctrines.....
.....For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

False Doctrine will always attack Jesus' Deity and the Grace of God!
(*Satan hates Grace*)

The 2nd Quickest Way to Spot False Doctrine

What do they teach
about PERSON OF JESUS & the Grace of God?

Counter-Measures to False Doctrine *The Word & The Grace of God*

Ephesians 2:5-8

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

* **Established** **GRK 949 bebaios (beb'-ah-yos)**
to firmly hold in place, to make secure

ITS A DEVELOPER'S TERM,
In his mind is the finished product, but
drawings must be made to share the vision among the builders...
All of them must agree upon one thing - the foundation that everything sits.

It's Grace

The Opponent of Grace is Works

**"not with foods which have not profited
those who have been occupied with them"**

#4 - is promoting the welfare of the body

Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

**Regarding the Nurturing the flock
(They' ll fluffy it with sermonettes)
Or they' ll dilute it with stories & self**

What Should Jesus' Church Be like?

*The Servants and Ministers Should be loving and approachable...
...But Hard and Protective Toward the World*

1 Peter 5:1-3

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ² **that you Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;** ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, **but being examples to the flock;**

Ephesians 4:14

that we should no longer be children, **tossed** (to and fro) and **carried about** (with every wind of doctrine), by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

- * **Children** **GRK 3516 nepios (nay'-pee-os);**
an infant in spritual matters, an immature Christian:
to be "child-ish" rather than child-like

- * **To and Fro** **GRK 2831 kludonizomai (kloo-do-nid'-zom-ahee);**
to surge like the sea, to fluctuate with the tide. to be shaken up by
one thing to another.

- * **Carried About** **GRK 4064 periphero (per-ee-fer'-o);**
to run around, to be taken here and there.
by the **trickery** of men, in the **cunning craftiness** of deceitful plotting,

* **Trickery** GRK 2940 *kubeia* (koo-bi'-ah);
by gambling, or by careless handling (like a cat with a mouse) or
fraudulent means, implication: by the sleight of hand

* **Cunning Craftiness** GRK 3834 *panourgia* (pan-oorg-ee'-ah);
subtily. to slip in something that should not be there

THE SERPENT WAS MORE SUBTLE

Wake Up to the Battle

Hebrews 5:13-14

For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1d.) Their Conduct is Arrogant:

Verse 1d

**even denying the Lord who bought them,
and bring on themselves swift destruction.**

* **Denying** GRK 720 *arneomai* (ar-neh'-om-ahee);
to contradict, to disavow, reject, to refuse.

PETER'S HEART HAD TO LOOK BACK TO THE NIGHT OF HIS FALL

PETER'S DARKEST HOUR

Many years earlier Peter had followed Jesus at a distance... then denied Him

These "willfully" ignore and to reject
the opportunity to be forgiven

Verse 1e

and bring on themselves swift destruction.

They must be responsible for their final
destination, not God
The Judgment, once it begins, will fall with
lightning speed

2.) Be Ready to Identify Them; *By Their Lifestyle vv. 2*

Verse 2

**And many will follow their destructive ways,
because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.**

#3

They Down-Grade The Work of Christ vv. 2

the world will "put Down" Jesus because of
they're ministry (sound familiar)

2a.) Not a Few, But Many Will Go After Them

And many will follow their destructive ways,

Matthew 24:1-5

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' **and will deceive many.**

Matthew 24:11

"Then many false prophets will rise up and will **deceive many.**

Matthew 24:23-24a

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴ "For false Christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders **to deceive**

2b.) They Will Depart From The Truth in Action

because of whom **the way** of truth will be blasphemed.

The Way To Eternity is Well Ordered

John 5:39

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Consider for a moment what's at stake

The Bible teaches that; God is a real personal being, infinite in nature and all loving. Satan is a finite created being, limited in power, but with an attitude. It also teaches that mankind is focus of these two and that the playing field is planet earth.

Identifying the voice of God

John 10:24-30

Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ "I and My Father are one."

John 10:1-5

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

John 8:44a

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

3.) Be Ready to Identify Them; *By Their Message vv. 3*

#4

They Imply that you will Prosper by Following Them

Verse 3

By **covetousness** they will **exploit** you with **deceptive words**; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their **destruction does not slumber**.

3a.) A Message of Sensuality

By **covetousness** they will **exploit** you

BY covetousness
(They make converts worse than they are themselves)

1 Timothy 6:3-5

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,
⁴ he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ⁵ useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who **suppose that godliness is a means of gain**. From such withdraw yourself.

Tele-Evangelist of Our Day

- Send in your seed of faith \$\$\$\$ - **FALSE DOCTRINE**
- God wants you healthy - **FALSE DOCTRINE**
- God wants you rich - **FALSE DOCTRINE**
- God wants you successful - **FALSE DOCTRINE**
- Give 1,000s to this ministry and God will multiply it back to you - **FALSE DOCTRINE**

1. Benny Hinn (??? stupid ???)
2. Kenneth Copland (dangerous)

3. Charles Capps (false Prophet)
4. Kenneth Hagan (false Prophet)
5. Fred Price (false Prophet)
6. John Avenzinie (False Prophet)

3b.) They Use Words That Kill

They will Exploit you with deceptive words
 (They will siphon what they can before moving on)

To Make Up Stories

They will use words
*(Words are like keys that unlock or lock up
 a person's heart and mind)*

* **Deceptive GRK 4112 plastos (plas-tos');**
 artificial words, fictitious words, molded words in English
 the word is plastic

(That which cannot take the heat)

I John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

The Motive of Every False Prophet & Teacher:

Acts 13:6

Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, **a Jew** whose name was **Bar-Jesus**,

Acts 13:7-8

who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, **seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.**

Will someone or something turn you away from the faith?

Matthew 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ "You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:20-23

"Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Titus 1:9-11

holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. ¹⁰ For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

3c.) Their End is Certain

for a long time their judgment has not been idle,
and their **destruction does not slumber.**

A Fearful Thought...

“They are knowledgeable about the truth and are familiar about it....
They engineer their counterfeit message around the truth masterfully”

The Destination of the False Prophet

Reserved in Hell

Jude 1:12-13

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³ raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

As Examples

Jude 1:6-7

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

2 Peter 2:4-5

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

The Destination of those Who Follow Them

Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Matthew 23:13-15

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. ¹⁵ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Jude 1:8-13 NIV

In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. ⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals-- these are the very things that destroy them. ¹¹ Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. ¹² These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm-- shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted-- twice dead.

¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, **for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.**

2 Peter 2:17

These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

**Reserved Seats in Hell,
can you imagine such thing**

Did you at all notice the frequency of use
regarding a certain 'word?'

vv. 1 - destructive & destruction vv. 2 - destructive & destruction
vv. 3 - destruction !!!

How Will You Know

if There's a False Prophet Among Us''

- **Don't Always Expect Signs**
 - **"False Prophets Ahead"**
 - **"Watch For False Prophets"**

Our Defense Against Falsehood

By Being Prayerful:	in your Heart
By Being Alert:	in the Word
By Being At Church:	in Fellowship