

# False Teachers

II Peter 2

## 1. Intro

1. Peter establishes a ground work for Christians
  1. Partakers of the divine nature
  2. To build upon your faith these things; moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.
2. Peter then gives evidence that he was a witness to certain events of Jesus Christ, and that these events gives us a “more sure word”
3. The prophets who were penned these words were “shining a light in a dark place”
4. He then leads into the chapter with a “but”. A change is taking place, and goes on to talk about false teachers in the church, how God has judged those that were unrighteous, and the condition that people can return to after knowing who Jesus is.
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## 2. False Teachers

1. False prophets in Israel (1)
  1. They were part of Israel (Deut 13:1-5)
2. False teachers (1)
  1. Will be
    1. Part of the believing community (1a)
    2. Need to know something to be able to lead people astray(1b)
3. Some Characteristics
  1. Immoral
    1. Shameful immorality (2)
    2. Lustful desires (10; 18)
    3. Indulge in evil pleasures (13)
    4. Commit adultery with the eyes; (14)
  2. Power seeking
    1. Revel in deceitfulness (13b)
    2. Lure unstable people into sin (14)
    3. Promise freedom (19)
      1. Desire rules conduct
  3. Greedy
    1. In their greed (3)
    2. Heart trained in greed (14)

### 3. Judgment (4-10a)

1. Peter makes reference to several different events that bring God's judgment. (4-6)
  1. Fallen angels (Gen 6:1-4; Jude 6)
  2. Depraved mankind in Noah's day (Gen 6:5-8)
  3. Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 7);
  4. Lot (Gen 19:1-22)
2. God rescues and punishes (9)
  1. Specifically those that are immoral and don't like accountability (10)

### 4. Regression (17-22)

1. Useless (17)
  1. Peter says to be useful (1:8)
2. Unstable (14)
  1. Know the word
3. Return to slaves to sin and corruption (19)
  1. Worse off (20)
  2. Solomon

### 5. Application

1. Peter is giving the Christian believers a warning of what is to come.
  1. Just as false prophets arose in Israel, so false teachers will come up in the Church.
2. The outcome will be God's judgment upon them.
  1. May not be immediate, but it will come.
3. We may have a tendency to think in terms of "them", instead of "us".
  1. It is at a distant from where I sit. I don't see it.
  2. Ask yourself; Am I immoral, greedy, after power? Am I deceitful?
  3. Then ask yourself who do you influence? Kids, grandkids, friends, neighbours?
4. We are called to build upon our faith, certain things. (II Peter 1:5-8)
  1. If we don't conscientiously do that, we could unknowingly begin the slide to a false teacher.

### 6. Conclusion

1. False teachers are out there. Know the Word of God.
2. Watch how we act.