CHRIST CHAPEL BIBLE CHURCH

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False TEACHERS

2 PETER 2:1-10

How to Spot a False Teacher

They preach a different _____ .

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. v. 1

The _____ truth

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exegesis
the act of drawing meaning OUT OF the text

eisegesis
the act of bringing meaning INTO the text

narcigesis
the act of reading yourself into the center of every Bible story

They preach from greed and _____ .

And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. vv. 2-3

How God Deals with False Teachers

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones ... vv. 4-10

He _____ them.

He _____ us.

STEADFAST *Hope*

ANCHORING TO JESUS IN THE LAST DAYS

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HOME GROUP
Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read 2 Peter 2:1-10. What descriptions are given here of false teachers? What is their message? Their motive?

2. What does this passage say God will do to false teachers? Why is Peter's language so blunt? Do you feel this is necessary? Why or why not?

3. In his sermon, the pastor gave two examples of false truth—*bibleless* and *supplemented*. What other types of false truth do people teach today?

4. What happens to our own faith and growth when we follow a false teacher? How can we be sure what we're taking in isn't false teaching?

5. Describing Noah and Lot as "righteous" may seem like a stretch because of the frank portrayals of them and their choices in Scripture. Yet Peter does call them "righteous" because they believed God and did not participate in society's evil. How does that make you feel about God, and about your own designation as "righteous" as a follower of Jesus?*

6. What percentage of your time would you say you spend studying and reading God's Word versus listening to podcasts and sermons or reading other material related to the Bible? Why is it so critical to be in the Scriptures miuch more than anything else?

7. What keeps you from being in God's Word more? What discipline do you need to implement in your life so you can increase your time reading and studying it this week?

**For more insight into the three examples Peter gives of God's judgment in this passage (angels, Noah and Sodom), read the Home Group Helps for this week's sermon.*

HELPFUL
Quotes

The false teachers use our vocabulary, but they do not use our dictionary.
- Warren Wiersbe

If you want to find a big following, all you need to do is develop a religion that removes the restraints on people's behavior and offers benefits that appeal to their base urges—pleasure, greed, selfishness. The result will be instant popularity. But at the same time, those teachers and followers will bring reproach on the name of Christ. Because such teachers refuse to abandon the name "Christian," their devious and deviant behaviors are associated with Christianity, which damages the cause of Christ and impedes the great commission. *- Chuck Swindoll*

What is a false teacher? A false teacher is one who knows the truth but deliberately lies for some purpose. It is either for some selfish reason, or he wants to please people, or he does it for money. There are many teachers like that today. They preach and say what people want them to say, although they know what the truth is—that is a false teacher. *- J. Vernon McGee*

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A WONDERFUL
Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God. ***(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)***
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. ***(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)***
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. ***(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)***
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life. ***(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)***

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.

We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!

SERMON BLANKS: truth, bibleless, supplement, sensuality, punishes, protects