CHRIST CHAPEL BIBLE CHURCH

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"YOU WILL *Recognize* THEM BY THEIR *Fruits*"

2 PETER 2:10-22

I. The Description of False Teachers *(vv. 10-16)*

_____ in their blasphemy of what is sacred

_____ in their lack of spiritual sensitivity

_____ in their open displays of debauchery

_____ in their manipulations and motivations

ANGELS
Jude 9

BALAAM
Revelation 2:14

II. The Deception of False Teachers *(vv. 17-19)*

Their promotions are found to be _____ .

Their pretention is by _____ .

Their promises result in _____ .

DOGS AND HOGS
Proverbs 26:11

III. The Destiny of False Teachers *(vv. 20-22)*

Rejecting truth brings greater _____ .

False profession is illustrated to be a repulsive _____ .

God's Counters to the Counterfeits

A commitment to biblical _____

A spirit of genuine _____

A hallmark of compassionate _____

A lifestyle of sacrificial _____

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits." Matthew 7:15-16a

STEADFAST *Hope*

ANCHORING TO JESUS IN THE LAST DAYS

Pray for the Persecuted Church
Continue praying for our sisters and brothers around the world who are facing persecution for their faith in Jesus. As one church family, let's lift them up together, asking God to protect them, strengthen their faith, and give them courage to stand firm in His promises.

HOME GROUP
Lesson + Devotional

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

1. Read 2 Peter 2:10-22. Why are false teachers successful in attracting people?

2. Have you ever been deceived by a false teacher before? What happened, and how did you come to realize their error?

3. Why is the mature Christian not attracted by the "freedom" that false cults and religions promise?

4. Tolerance is encouraged today. When should Christians not be tolerant?

5. How does sin promise freedom but actually bring bondage? Can anyone actually have complete freedom to do anything they want?

6. How do the illustrations of God's judgment in the Old Testament relate to the false teachers today? What warnings are there for us?*

7. How have you thoroughly vetted any teachers you allow to speak into your life? What criteria do you use, and how do you know they have passed your tests?

8. How should you deal with the presence of false teachers in our world?

**For more insight into the Old Testament examples Peter uses for God's judgment (archangel Michael, Balaam, dogs and pigs), read the Home Group Helps for this week's sermon.*

HELPFUL
Quotes

What kind of bait do the apostates use to catch people? For one thing, they offer them "liberty" (2 Pet 2:19). This probably means a perversion of the grace of God, "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 4). "Since you are saved by grace," they argued, "then you have the freedom to sin. The more you sin, the more of God's grace you will experience!" Paul answered their false arguments in Romans 6, a portion of Scripture every believer ought to master. Along with "freedom" they also bait the trap with "fulfillment." This is one of the buzzwords of our generation, and it goes right along with "doing your own thing" and "having it your way." They say, "The Christian life that the church offers is old-fashioned and outdated. We have a new lifestyle that makes you feel fulfilled and helps you find your true self!" Alas, just as the Prodigal Son did, these unstable souls try to find themselves, but they end up losing themselves (Luke 15:11-24). In their search for fulfillment, they become very self-centered and lose the opportunities for growth that come from serving others. There can be no freedom or fulfillment apart from submission to Jesus Christ. "The purpose of life," said P. T. Forsyth, "is not to find your freedom, but to find your master."
- Warren Wiersbe

YOUR NEXT STEP AT
Christ Chapel

Connect and Belong
New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer
We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.

Partner with Us by Giving
Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events
Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.

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: Arrogant, Ignorant, Seductive, Greedy, empty, entitlement, enslavement, condemnation, regression, truth, humility, love, service