



## To Escape From False Teachers

2 Peter 2:1-22

***Our Prayer*** Lord of hosts, who by your word created all things, we praise you that you have preserved your word among us. In every age you have sent your message and your messengers to proclaim your grace and your glory. From early on Satan has worked to twist your word through his own lies, and through the men and women who become his instruments by changing your word. Strengthen us and teach us, so that we may always stand firm in our conviction of the truth. Guard us against the pride that may lead us to forget to continue to study your word, so that it remains among us in truth and purity. Amen.

### ***Peter's Last Words***

Chapter 1, verses 12-21

1. Remind you so you always remember. (Repetition is a god thing.)
2. Eyewitnesses of Jesus' glory on the sacred mountain – Believe us!
3. Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### ***The Fact***

Chapter 2, verses 1-3

Think About It...

Which cup would you drink?

Know It.

1. Read Jeremiah 23:25-32, 39-40. What accusations and judgments does God speak?
2. What characteristics of the false teachers are described in these verses?

## Grow In It!

1. Peter writes that these false teachers will “introduce destructive heresies.” What major issue does Peter point out to us?
2. What is our first line of defense against false teachers?
3. Agree/ Disagree: There is no crime more heinous than falsifying the word of God.

## *Deliverance and Punishment*

Chapter 2, verse 4-10

### Think About It...

True/False: God punishes wicked people.

### Know It.

1. Peter provides three examples of God’s righteous justice. What do you already know about these examples and what new information does Peter present?
  1. Fallen Angels (Compare Jude 6)
  2. The Flood (Genesis 6-9, esp. Genesis 6:5-22)
  3. Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-29)
2. What is the key verse and key point of this section?

## Grow In It!

1. Agree/ Disagree: This section truly demonstrates the wrath of God reserved for the wicked.

2. Agree/ Disagree: This section truly demonstrates the grace of God shown to all people.
3. Do you find any personal comfort in this section?

## ***Brute Beasts Rebuked***

Chapter 2, verses 10-16

### Think About It...

What is the purpose of life?  
What is the purpose of your life?  
How does your purpose affect your behavior?

### Know It!

1. This section provides more descriptions of the false teachers' actions and helps us achieve a better grasp on their specific "false teaching". Make a list of the descriptions Peter provides:
2. What does your list lead you to conclude about their "false teaching"?
3. What is the history surrounding Balaam son of Beor? (Cf. Numbers 22-24, esp. 22:21-35)

### Grow In It!

1. Evaluate this statement: *The false teachers and false teaching Peter describes in chapter 2 led to obvious gross immorality. That false teaching is much more serious than the false teaching that springs up among Christian churches today.*
2. Why is it important to remember Peter is writing to believers and not to the false teachers themselves?

## *Worse Than Before*

Chapter 2, verses 17-22

### Think About It...

Describe your reality before you became a believer in Jesus?  
Are you better off now than you were before?

### Know It!

1. How does the following statement help us to understand Peter's point in verse 17?  
*"Those who expect living water from them will be disappointed."* – *Lenski, p. 327*
2. What further descriptions are provided of these false teachers and their false teaching?
3. Explain verse 19.

### Grow In It!

1. Verses 20 and 21 contain strong warnings for believers.  
Does Peter describe someone who was not a true believer?

How would it even be possible to "again be entangled" in the "corruption of the world?"

Come up with three action steps you will take so that you do not become the "dog [that] returns to its vomit."

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- 2.
- 3.

*Your Prayer*