

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 2:1-3

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Eyes On. Ears On” – Part 2

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

2 Peter 2:1-3

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.

² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 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.

A Call to Owning a Combat Faith.

If you were to google search the word “Deception”, the results, by far, feature historic military acts of deception and propaganda.

2 Timothy 2:1-4

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. **3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

Eyes On – Ears On

1.) Watch out and Listen for false ministries

vs. 1

1a.) Because they are here

vs. 1a

Verse 1a

But there **were** {also} **false prophets among the people**,
{even as} **there will be false teachers** among you,

1b.) Because they are active

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

who will **secretly**
bring in **destructive heresies**,

Before We Move on to Our 2nd. Consideration - 1c

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1c.) Because they are persuasive

vs. 1c

Verse 1c

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

They know, they speak, and they say what the lost want to hear.
There are (2) Two Absolute Indicators here that we put at the top of
our list as to “How do we identify False Ministries?”

*Their ability to “deny” the LORD is one that speaks to the fact
that they are cunning and with a specific motive.*

“even **denying** the Lord who **bought** them”

Denying grk: arneomai; to disown, disavow, refuse. Refute. To go against by any
and every means fitting their desires.

(The death is when this becomes your doctrine/teaching/belief in life)

Romans 1:20-22

For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen,
being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and
Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew
God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in
their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

2 Timothy 4:1-5

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word!

Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things,

Think again as to who is saying this to you. - - It's Peter.

Matthew 26:31-35

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³ Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not **deny** You!" and so said all the disciples.

Doubt vs. Intention

Doubt is The Fear of being on the Wrong Side.

Doubt is The Fear of people's Opinions of Us.

Doubt is The Fear of Embarrassment and Shame.

Doubt is The Fear of being Guilt by Association.

"And Peter Denied Ever Knowing Jesus Christ."

Matthew 26:67-74

Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" ⁶⁹ Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

⁷⁰ But he **denied** it before them all, saying, "***I do not know what you are saying.***" ⁷¹ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² But again he **denied** with an **oath**, "***I do not know the Man!***" ⁷³ And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "***I do not know*** (not aware of, never heard of) ***the Man!***" Immediately a rooster crows. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

So he went out and wept bitterly.

Do you know anyone who presently denies
the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ / His Virgin Birth / Sinless Life / His
Atonement for Sin / His bodily Resurrection / His Coming Again to Earth?

Eyes On – Ears On

2.) Watch out and Listen for false crowds

vs. 2

Verse 2

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

CROWDS GATHER AROUND A CROWD GATHERER
(that is not a good thing – unless it's the Holy Spirit doing It)

Watch Out And Listen For False Crowds

Eyes On – Ears On

2a.) Because they will be dangerous

vs. 2a

Verse 2a

And **many** will follow

Many **grk: polus**; numbers in large amount. Not a few, but large or great hosts.
The majority.

“Jesus Will Deny Ever Knowing Many.”

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,

Follow **grk: exakoloutheo**; to walk in the shadow of or in the pattern of another.
To imitate. To be like. To replicate. Repeat.

These **Many Followers** are drawn toward a message that can be identified in one word: “self”. The False Teacher gathers a crowd of those who are looking for an experience that promotes their interests and desires. These false ministers with their false message congregate false crowds, the Many, by telling them what they want to hear.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the (Holy) Spirit expressly says that in latter times (at the end of time) some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and **doctrines of demons**,
2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

MSNBC Investigative Reporter Martin Bashir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vg-qgmJ7nzA>

Having Departed from The Way of the Truth – Degeneration Advances.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XF9uo_P0nNI

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2b.) Because they will be infectious

vs. 2b

Verse 2b

Their destructive ways,

Pernicious, depraved, sensual

Destructive grk: a’po’leia; the way(s) of perdition, perishing, to carry away – implying the removal from all that is of God. To have all that is good fade away until it is no more. (ie. to waste or be wasting away)

1. They want their way to be easy.
2. They want their conduct approved.
3. They want their lifestyle affirmed.
4. They want you to be like them - or if not, with them.

Jeremiah 23:14

Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns back from his wickedness. all of them are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

2 Peter 3:1-4

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”

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2c.) Because they will be fatal

vs. 2c

Verse 2c

because of **whom**
The Way of Truth will be **blasphemed**.

The “Church” has Become a Joke to the World in Many Cases.

#1 - I’m **not talking** about the salty sting of the church that causes conviction

#2 - I’m **talking** about the lack of conviction & biblical clarity false “churches” promote.

Matthew 23:13-14

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. **14** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

1 John 2:18-19, 22-23

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that **the** Antichrist is coming, even now **many** antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us... **:22** Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He **is** antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. **23** Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who **acknowledges** (makes confession of the truth) the Son has the Father also.

End of Study

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