

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

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

2-PETER CHAPTER 2:10-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“What You Really Need To Know – Part 8 About Who’s Out There”

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

False Doctrine, False Salvation, False Christianity, False Disciples

2 Peter 2:10-22

:10 And especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries 11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. :12 But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and (they) will utterly perish in their own corruption. 13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it a pleasure to carouse in the daytime (in broad daylight). 14 Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. 15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet. :17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. :18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For (because) it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having been washed, to her wallowing in the mire.” (implied: again and again)

Peter Began His Letter by Saying;

2 Peter 1:1-4

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, *(that is peter's **example**)* To those who have obtained like precious faith with us *(that is peter's **fellowship**)* by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ *(that is peter's **confidence**)* :2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, *(that is peter's **reality**)* 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, *(that is to peter's **benefit**)* 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, *(that is peter's **strategy**)* that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. *(that is peter's **experience**)*

Which then brings us to the Ministry of, and the Power of
The Person of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer - - Is the one absolute guarantee and assurance in our lives, regarding our Salvation - even in times like these!

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Do you know how to Identify the False “Christian”

or the False “Teachers” or the False “Ministries” that the Bible warned us about? They will Always be Lurking and Skulking about near the Truth and among the True. As Alert and Well Taught Disciples – This Shouldn't Surprise Us.

As We Approach The Target..

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

(3) World War II Invasion Maps for (D-Day) June 6th. 1944
(Objective: The Liberation of France)

<https://www.vox.com/2014/6/6/5786508/d-day-in-five-maps>

From 30,000 feet we can see where Peter is taking us...

1.) They are those who are proud	vs. 10-14
1a.) They are authoritarian	vs. 10a
1b.) They are without feeling	vs. 10b
1c.) They are given over	vs. 11-14

We Identified the next indicator...

2.) They are those who are forsaken	vs. 15-16
2a.) They are deceived	vs. 15a
2b.) They are compromised	vs. 15b
2c.) They are judged	vs. 16

And so now we approach the next target...

**What You Really Need To Know
About Who's Out There!**

3.) They are those who are destructive	vs. 17-19
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What You Really Need To Know About Who's Out There!

There are those who are destructive

3a.) They are incapable of refreshment	vs. 17
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:17 These are wells without water,

The presence of a well 2000 years ago represented more than just a hole in the ground.

With the digging of a well, came the naming of a well.
It's name was a point of worship and learning.

Why can't they refresh their hearers?

"These are wells without water"

Because there is no life-source in them.
(they have no life-giving-water in them to give out)

Their Doctrine was Tainted = Destructive

“Beware of the Doctrine of the Pharisees”

They are dangerous, destructive, and deadly because they mislead you into a false hope. They are wells but they have no water.

By design, by observation – a WELL indicates refreshment, life, hope!

There’s something incredibly disappointing when you drop a pebble or a rock into a well and you hear nothing but a thud.

When you need to go deep into what you have been taught because your life has taken a crash – there’s nothing there.

Because there is no external power coming out of them.
(they have no real power)

When you need greater power

They have made their reservations in hell,
But they do not want to dine alone – you would be just fine!

What “Real Biblical Ministry” Looks Like

A Real Well is the flowing forth of true biblical ministry. It will always affect you towards: Teaching, Reproof, Correction, Instruction

The Christian Ministers Insurance Policy

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

This is What Jesus Christ Does For You

This is What The Gospel Does In You

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;

These “waterless wells” are worthless. They dilute the Gospel’s power and the detract from the Salvation of Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

The Law & The Gospel.

The law is absolutely **perfect** and absolutely **just** and absolutely **pure**. – The law, by nature - has no power or ability to change a life.
(enshrined in stone)

The Law & The Gospel.

The Gospel is absolutely **perfect** and absolutely **just** and absolutely **pure** – but the Gospel has absolute power and the ability to change your life.
(enshrined in the heart)

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“**Behold, the days are coming**, says the LORD, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— **32 not according to the covenant** that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke**, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. :**33** But **this is the covenant that I will make** with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: ***I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.***

Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you **a new heart** and put **a new spirit within** you; I will take the heart of **stone** out of your flesh and give you a heart of **flesh**.

Hebrews 10:16-17

“This is the **covenant** that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put **My laws** into **their hearts**, and in **their minds** I will write them,” **17** then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” *(never could the law do this)*

Galatians 4:27-29

For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have **put on Christ**. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

“Putting on Christ is **Conforming** to Christ Which is **Being** In Christ.”

Revelations 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Verse 17b

:17b They are clouds carried by a tempest

Jude 1:12

They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds;

Since there are these frauds out and about – how are we to detect them?

How do they get a crowd to gather around them?

How do they get so successful and influential at what they do?

*“But he drives a Cadillac and has a Private Jet,
“That must mean God’s blessing are on him – right?”*

No - it’s the money and human talent that buys the look of anointing.
Money sent by gullible people - listening to the wrong teachers & preachers.

They know how to manipulate people.

They take advantage of those in need, those who are vulnerable.

:17b for whom is reserved
the blackness of darkness forever

There is a reservation in hell with their name on it.

What You Really Need To Know About Who’s Out There!

There are those who are destructive

3b.) They are skilled in temptations

vs. 18

. :18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure (1) through the lusts of the flesh, (2) through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

When they (1) speak (2) great (3) swelling words of (4) emptiness,
“when they (1) flow forth (2) great amounts (3) of flattering word that over time turn
out to be (4) useless – powerless!

Don't Mess With This Verse, People

Galatians 5:1-4

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

What You Really Need To Know About Who's Out There!

There are those who are destructive

3c.) They are masters at slavery

vs. 19

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage

While they promise *(say something different than what they do)* them liberty,
they themselves are slaves

The Irony of These Protests and Riots

(They are enslaving people to government control – not freedom)

There is an implied thought that these who deceive do so by “the pulling you into.”
The picture is a man who's in a sink-hole and instead of him grabbing the rope
you've thrown him – he grabs you!

Slaves of Corruption

Here's what's amazing about this form of slavery. Your ethnicity plays no role, it has no bearing on the fact that human slavery is something that we choose to do to ourselves.

This form of bondage that Peter is warning us about begins with temptation and ends up as an addiction.

We decide to open the cage. We decide to hold it. We decide to play with it.
It feels cool. It's new and exciting, it's personal, but never private.

What Now? / What Do I Do? / Where Do I Begin?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 6:16

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Matthew 11:27-30

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. **28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

End of Study

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