

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 9 About Who’s Out There

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

2 Peter 2:10-22 (17-22)

: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 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.”

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where

You’ve been taken advantage of? There’s no doubt that each and every one of us have experienced to some degree what it is like to be ripped off by some con-artist or some person who, presented themselves to be – someone that they are not?

Deception and Evil are Present in Every Corner of the World.

Wherever there is human interaction – there is the danger of deception and evil and the greater the opportunity for Good, the greater the opportunity for Evil.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Religion, Politics and Business

These are an unstable trinity. To get them to unite has proven to be impossible.

Lord Acton writes to Bishop Creighton: "The same moral standards should be applied to all men, political and religious leaders included, especially since "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely"

(Acton to Creighton 1887)

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

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
2.) They are those who are forsaken	vs. 15-16
2a.) They are deceived	vs. 15a
2b.) They are compromised	vs. 15b
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What You Really Need To Know About Who's Out There!

3.) They are those who are destructive	vs. 17-19
3a.) They are incapable of refreshment	vs. 17

17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever

These are wells without water,

17b They are clouds carried by a tempest

Jude 1:12

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

In contrast to the well that has no water in it,

The illustration of a cloud is even worse.

It is Impossible for a cloud to form without water.

In fact the average cloud holds somewhere between 750,000 to 1 million pounds (pounds) of water.

This implies that false prophets and false teachers literally know the truth but willfully reject it's authority over their own lives.

The fact that the clouds are driven by a strong wind, a tempest, means that their APPEARANT hope and provision comes on quickly only to pass by just as fast - - leaving nothing to be had.

They know how to manipulate people.

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

Verse 17c

for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever

They have reservation for Hell

Personal Observation / Comfort

Church: This is going to be a tough thing to receive but it is the truth.

When we're ripped off and wronged and harmed, we want God to judge that individual right now. We want to see them suffer for what pain they have inflicted. We want justice and that's understandable.

But notice there is a Human Justice that is terribly flawed and pathetic and never truly renders justice. Then there is Divine justice which is pure, powerful and exact.

Thomas Jefferson

"I **tremble** for my country when I reflect that God **is** just; and that **his** justice cannot **sleep forever**."

2 Peter 3:8-9

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea
with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free
While God is marching on
Glory, glory, HalleluYah! His truth is marching on!

We all have an appointment with His truth. In just
one second after you die you step through death's door
right into eternity.

Ecclesiastes 3:11b

He has put eternity in our hearts.

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 words that over time
turn out to be (4) useless – powerless!

Verse 18

...the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

Don't Mess With This Verse People

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 them liberty
they themselves are slaves

The Irony of It

There is an implied thought here that these who deceive do so by "pulling you into them." 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. This is the worse type of human slavery because - - we choose to do it to ourselves.

WE DECIDE TO ENSLAVE OURSELVES

(we have to allow this to happen)

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."

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

4.) They are those who are damned

vs. 20-22

**What You Really Need To Know About Who's Out There!
They are those who are dammed**

4a.) They have drifted from truth

vs. 20

Verse 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.

Escaped grk: apopheugo; to flee, to be running from, to set out.

"Through the knowledge {the knowing about} of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Pollutions grk: miasma; stains, defilements, the tainting of one's conscience that continues to stain, turn color, to become "dyed" the color of...

Entangled grk: empleko; to weave in, to become entwined, involved, to become part of, a gladiatorial net that was casts up and over and down upon an opponent.

**What Do We Do Pastor Jack?
Do not allow the gladiatorial net of _____ into Your Life.**

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.

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.

The Stench of Rotten Lilies

Have you ever noticed that when you pull weeds and let them sit for a day or two before you throw them away, they actually have almost no smell whatsoever. But have you ever pulled lilies or Marigolds? – You let them sit alongside those same weeds and they will stink 1,000 times worse.

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

They are those who are dammed

4b.) They have refused the only way

vs. 21

Verse 21

For 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

**Because They are Now Responsible for What They Know,
Teach and Do.**

Luke 11:24-26

“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”

Matthew 18:6 NLT

But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Matthew 23:15 NLT

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!

Matthew 23:16 NLT

“Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you!

1 John 2:16-17

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 3:8-10

But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 9 Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are children of God. 10 So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

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

They are those who are dammed

4c.) They have become themselves again

vs. 22

Verse 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.”

Proverbs 29:1 KJV

He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck,
Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Peter, as a good Jewish boy having grown up with the Torah and studies each week,
knew this verse from childhood;

Proverbs 26:11

As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

J. H. Jowett writes;

“How is it that someone could be worse off for having heard the gospel? After once embracing its liberty and having turned away from the power of sin and death to then become bored with the knowledge of the cross and the comfort of knowing that Jesus has risen again, to leave off from there and to return back to the lifestyle that once condemned you, proves that the lifestyle had never left you. You, over time, go back to being the you that was you, the you that has always been you just below the surface.”

The reason why a dog returns to his own vomit is because he is a dog.

The reason why a pig returns back to the mire is because it is a pig.

Know that there is neither one of these two (2) are in heaven,
because heaven was never inside of either one of them.

Watch Out My Friend – There is Turbulence Ahead

Luke 8:11-13

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. **12** Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. **13** But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Again - John Henry Jowett

Apostasy is worse than ignorance! It were better for us never to have come within the sight of the Kingdom, and to have remained in ignorance of its privileges and it's glorious, then having entered the gate, to become rebels to its Sovereignty, and to turn our backs upon its contemplative ministries of grace. To approach the Divine is an unspeakable favor; it is also in an appalling responsibility. Light that is trifled with becomes lightning; the splendor of the Great White throne becomes a “consuming fire.” To have known, and then to rebel, translates our very knowledge into a minister of destruction.

End of Study

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