

## Deeper Walk with God - 1 and 2 Peter

### Enough Truth

2 Peter 2:1-22

Introduction - Truth brings all to light. Why are there cults and why do people dedicate themselves so deeply to that which is false? It was a puzzle to me.

Then I read **2 Thessalonians 2:10-11** *Lost people will be fooled by his evil deeds.*

*They could be saved, but they will refuse to love the truth and accept it. So God will make sure that they are fooled into believing a lie.*

**Review** - Chapter one - Enough Knowledge

**Problem** - false teachings claiming superior knowledge

Answer - True knowledge of Christ

- Trustworthy Foundation in the Word

#### I. Truth exposes the Characteristics of False Teachers 2 Peter 2:1-3

##### A. Ever present with the truth 1

Old Testament - false prophets

New Testament - false teachers

Jesus warned of them **Matthew 24:11**

##### B. Ever popular 2

Offer a secret sensual (easy, pleasant) Gospel

Many will follow

Jesus exposed the way **Matthew 7:13**

##### C. Ever condemned 3

Their greed and lies will be exposed

Their judgement and destruction is sure

#### II. Truth exposes the Consequences of False Teaching 2 Peter 2:4-10a

##### A. God has always condemned the rebellious 4-6

1. Angels who rebelled - cast out

2. Ancient world filled with wickedness - flood

3. Sodom and Gomorrah perversity - fire and brimstone

##### B. God has always delivered the righteous 7-9

1. Noah and his family

2. Lot who was grieved with lawlessness

#### III. Truth exposes the Conduct of False Teachers 2 Peter 2:10b-16

##### A. They despise authority - even God's 10-11

Even the angel fear to blaspheme

##### B. They live by animal instincts 12

Scoff at things they do not understand

##### C. They indulge in evil - even in the daylight 13

Deceiving and destroying the church

##### D. They entice others to evil 14

Eyes of adultery

Heart of greed

##### E. They forsake the truth for a lie 15-16

Like Balaam **Numbers 22-24**

Desired riches/taught deception

#### IV. Truth ensures the Condemnation of False Teachers 2 Peter 2:17-22

##### A. Impotent condition revealed 17

Springs without water - nothing to satisfy

Mists driven by a storm - no refreshing rain

Doomed to darkness

##### B. Hollow promises exposed 18-19

Arrogant words of deception

Dangerous especially for new believers

Offer freedom but they are enslaved

Paul's answer **1 Corinthian 6:12**

##### C. End condition worse than first 20-21

Those who know the truth and reject it

Those who free themselves and then go back

##### D. The nature of those who reject the truth 22

Like a dog who returns to his vomit

Like a pig who returns to the mud

Change must involve the nature not just the outward

#### We are warned about

False Messiahs **Matthew 24:23-25**

A false Gospel **Galatians 1:6-9**

#### How are we to stay true?

##### 1. Know the Teacher

*Saved by faith in Jesus Christ*

*Taught by the Holy Spirit*

**John 16:13-15**

##### 2. Know the tactics

*Always the same - Taken from Satan in **Genesis 3***

*Question the Word of God --- "Did God really say...?"*

*Deny the Word of God "You will not die"*

*Substitute Satan's words "You will be like God"*

*Satan's approach is subtle but his teachings are fatal!*

##### 3. Walk in the light of the truth **1 John 1:5-7**

**God has given us Enough Truth!**