

How Bad Are They? Part 2

False Teachers are outwardly impressive, but inwardly evil, Part 2. 2 Peter 2:12-14 Chris Mueller 12-27-2020

Introduction:

1st Watch out for the Trojan _____

2nd Watch out for the _____ of clarity

2 Peter
Chapter one
Chapter two

#1 Their P _____ 10a

and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

#2 Their P _____ 10b-11

Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, 11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

#3 Their P _____ 12-14

1st Their P _____ 12-13a

12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, 13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong.

2nd Their P _____ 13b

13b They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,

1 **Thessalonians 5:7** *For those who sleep do their sleeping at night and those who get drunk get drunk at night*

John MacArthur, *According to historians, pagan Roman society tolerated dissipation and revelry as long as it was discreetly confined to the cover of darkness. But it frowned on and disapproved of debauchery during the daytime when it could be viewed by everyone. Because of its public nature, such behavior was considered inappropriate, even by Roman unbelievers. Nonetheless, the false teachers of Peter's day were so consumed with lust, greed, and vice that they considered it a pleasure to revel in the daytime, not wanting to wait until nightfall.*

3rd Their P _____ 14

14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

Matthew 5:28 *but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

Ephesians 4:14 *no longer be children*

TAKE HOME:

A. Grow settled over what is right and what is _____

B. Do not ignore _____ in your life

Jude 4 *turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness*

C. There is no _____ outside of Christ

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Who can you name today who is a false teacher and what is it that they teach which is heresy?
2. Why does Peter describe false teachers like unreasoning animals?
3. Why does Peter call false teachers like a blemish?
4. What does Peter focus on the false teachers being given to greed and seduction?
5. What is Peter's purpose in calling false teachers 'accursed children'?
6. If not, all false teachers act exactly like verses 12-14, then how do believers determine who is a false teacher?
7. If you were forming a list of false teachers characteristics, what would that list include?
8. What steps will you take this week to not be like a false teacher and become more capable of identifying false teachers?

