



2 Peter

Danger to Growing Christians

Session 12

You must not do, you must not even try to do, the will of the Father unless you are prepared to “know of the doctrine”. *By C.S.Lewis*

One of the most successful rackets in the world today is that of selling “fake art”. So, it is with religion that Peter wanted his readers to understand what was fake and what was authentic.

Read 2 Peter 2:1-3

Peter talks about deception and denial in verse 1. False teachers will force you to make a choice between their doctrines and the doctrines of the true Christian faith.

Question: Satan will ask you to question God’s Word and then he will ask you to deny God’s Word. Have you ever questioned God’s Word before? How did you keep your heart from denying it?

In Jude 4 it talks about turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, which means to be lewd or lustful. They want to satisfy their own lusts and do it under the guise of religion.

Question: How do we see people today choosing to follow false truth, something that is sensual as to following through of Christ?

Peter also talks about greed in verse 3, false teachers being interested in one thing -- making money.

Question: A true minister of Jesus Christ has nothing to hide in his life and ministry. They are an open book. How do we keep a check and balance with that in the church?

Read 2 Peter 2:4-9

Peter saw no hope for those apostates; their doom was sealed. His attitude was different from that of “tolerant” religious people today who say, “Well, they may not agree with us, but there are many roads to heaven”.

Verse 4 - God judges rebellion and will not spare those who reject His will. If God judged the angels, then he will certainly judge rebellious men.

Question: Read Eph. 6:10-12. Satan is free and at work in the world. How do you see him working in the world today?

Verse 5 - Jesus made it clear in Luke 17:26-27 that people were enjoying their normal lives up to the very day of the flood.

Question: How are those similarities happening today?

Verse 6 - Sodom & Gomorrah - Peter said the people in the cities were ungodly. They were fornicators and went after strange flesh.

Question: How do we protect ourselves from the fallacies of the flesh and stay true to God in our faith?

Verse 7 - Peter said God rescued Lot. Lot pitched his tent in the wrong location.

Question: Are you being careful where you are pitching your tent?

Verse 8 - Why is God’s judgement lingering? Because God is long suffering, not willing that any shall perish. In Noah’s day God gave 120 years to repent.

Question: Read 1 Thess. 5:9-10. One day soon the fire will fall. Are you ready?

Assignment: Assess your life in which your tent is placed. Does it set on righteousness or the ways of the world?

Next week: Read 2 Peter 2:10-16 Marked Men