



2 Peter

False Freedom

Session 14

“Hold fast to the Bible. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future.” *By Ulysses S. Grant*

Peter ends this chapter informing us that a person is a slave to whatever controls them. Many believe that freedom means doing anything we want. If we follow our own sinful desires, we become enslaved to what our body wants and it is at that point we lose our freedom in Christ.

Question: How would you describe your freedom in Christ?

Read 2 Peter 2:17-18

Peter used three vivid illustrations to emphasize the emptiness of the apostates' promises.

1. Wells without water. A spring without water is not a spring at all.

Question: How do people of the world try to satisfy their thirsts in other ways?

2. Clouds that are carried with a tempest. This picture is that of clouds of fog or mist being driven by a squall over a lake or sea.

Question: How are some people full of noise or motion, but their lives have no evidence of anything profitable happening?

3. The mist of darkness. The word mist is translated to mean blackness or gloom.

Question: What religions or other cults try to convince people that they are the light, but in reality they are just mist?

Read 2 Peter 2:19-20

You can't set someone free if you are in bondage yourself. Peter made it clear that these men had disentangled themselves from the pollutions of the world.

Question: When you become a slave to sin and it's your master, how does it become the worst possible condition of your life? Look back and share how the Lord has set you free from the bondage of sin.

- We must have an awareness of the deceitfulness of sin. Read Hebrews 3:13. Sin promises life but instead it brings death.

Question: What are some of the appetites or habits that can enslave us to sin?

Read 2 Peter 2:21-22

Peter is wanting us to know that these false teachers are not converts. They were truly never "born again". They were sensual and did not have the dwelling of the spirit of God within them.

Question: How can a person who truly wasn't born again claim to be a person of righteousness? How do we protect the assembly of believers from false truth to real truth?

Satan plants his counterfeits. Read 2 Corinthians 11:26

Peter uses the dog and the pig to illustrate sinful nature in man. They return to their own vomit or to their old mud hole.

Question: True freedom must come from within. How have you experienced freedom in your own salvation?

Assignment: Christ is the truth. John 14:6. How is your ground of truth?

Next week: Read 2 Peter 3:1-18. Part 1 With Anticipation