

## **FINISHING YOUR FAITH**

*Lesson Eight • 2Peter 2:1-3*

### **Learn to Discern False Teaching**

#### **According to Peter a Finishing Faith Is**

A GROWING FAITH – Chapter 1

A **DISCERNING** FAITH – Chapter 2

#### **Two Cautions about 2 Peter 2**

**NOT EVERYONE** who gets the Bible wrong is a false teacher.

**BUT SOME** people are false teachers.

#### **Learn to Discern False Teachers**

### **I. By Their Deceptive PRESENCE 2:1**

- They **DECEPTIVELY** bring false ideas into the church from outside.

- They promise salvation but deliver **DESTRUCTION**.

*2 Peter 2:1, 3; 3:7, 16*

*But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. (3:7) ESV*

- Their lives **DENY** what their lips once professed: **“Jesus is Lord!”**

*Acts 2:36-38; Romans 10:9; 1Corinthians 6:18-20*

*For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (Jude 4) ESV*

- They claim to be saved but will be forever **DAMNED**.

### **2. By Their Destructive INFLUENCE 2:2**

- They **SEDUCE** many to follow them

- They **SECURE** a profit for themselves

- They cause others to **SLANDER** the way of Truth

### **3. By Their Decisive CONSEQUENCES 2:3**

- God’s **VERDICT** was pronounced and recorded long ago.

- God’s **SENTENCE** will be carried out swiftly and soon.

#### **Learn to Discern This Truth**

*Our God reigns and King Jesus is coming soon to judge the living and the dead!*

#### **FINISH Your FAITH with a DISCERNING FAITH!**

#### **Detect & Reject False Teachers before They Deceive & Destroy the Church**

- How have you been deceived into allowing false teachers or their teaching to be present in your life?

*Think in terms of all forms of media: Books, TV/Cable, radio, music, magazines, podcasts, DVDs.*

- Take steps to remove their destructive influence from your life, your family, and our church.

*Get rid of whatever is leading you away from or undermines the authority of the Bible and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.*

- Finish your faith with the confidence that God will ultimately judge all false teachers—no matter how great their influence or deceptive their teaching.