

## **FINISHING YOUR FAITH**

*Lesson Nine • 2Peter 2:4-10a*

### **Learn to Discern False Hope**

#### **A Finishing Faith Is a Discerning Faith**

*that learns to discern false teachers (1-3) and their false **HOPE** (4-10a)!*

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### **I. Don't Get Burned by a Flood of False Hope. 2:1-3**

#### **The False Hope of False Teachers**

- 1) God approves of their message marked by **DENYING** Christ's present lordship and future judgment.
- 2) God approves of their manner of life filled with **LUST**.
- 3) God approves of their ministry based on **GREED**.

#### **The Recent Flood of False Hope**

- 1) Cheap grace that turns God's grace into **LAWLESS** living.
- 2) Love wins in the end and **EVERYONE** will be saved.
- 3) Homosexuality is a **VALID** lifestyle choice for Christ followers.
- 4) Fictional books that carry **MORE** weight than biblical facts.

*Don't get burned out with frustration or burned up in God's condemnation. Instead learn to discern false hope from true hope!*

### **2. Learn to Discern True Hope in the God of Wrath and RESCUE. 2:4-10a**

- 1) God's **WRATH** will certainly be poured out on the ungodly.
  - **IF GOD DID NOT SPARE** the fallen angels from His wrath—now and in the future... (v. 4; Genesis 6:1-4; Jude 6)

- **IF GOD DID NOT SPARE** the ungodly world from the flood of His wrath... (v. 5; Genesis 6:5-8:22)
- **IF GOD DID NOT SPARE** the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah from the fire of His wrath... (v. 6; Genesis 18:16-19:29)
- **...THEN GOD WILL NOT SPARE** the ungodly of our day—especially those who defy Christ's lordship by living in blatant sexual immorality and encouraging others to do the same. (vv. 9-10a)

**God's wrath is continual, universal, and eternal!**

- 2) God's **RESCUE** will certainly deliver the godly out of the tempting trial of false hope and it's fiery judgment.
  - **LIKE LOT** be a **PERSON** of righteousness who is emotionally tortured by the ungodliness you see and hear around you, while refusing to take part. (vv. 7-8)
  - **LIKE NOAH** be a **PROCLAIMER** of righteousness who warns the ungodly of coming judgment, while offering the hope of salvation in Christ. (v. 5)

**God's rescue is personal and practical!**

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

#### **Don't Get Burned by a Flood of False Hope**

*For they deliberately suppress this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water. Through these things the world existing at that time was destroyed when it was deluged with water. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, by being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 2Peter 3:5-7 NET*

- God will **reserve the ungodly** under punishment for the coming day of judgment.  
*Turn from your sin today—especially defiant sexual immorality—and run to Christ to receive His forgiveness and righteousness before the fire of His judgment falls.*
- God will **rescue the godly** out of the coming judgment and into the New Creation.  
*Don't let the flood of false hope deceive you into thinking there is no future judgment for the ungodly—especially those who are defiant and blatant. Instead be a person of righteousness who proclaims righteousness and calls others to repentance before its too late.*
- Finish your faith with the confidence that **true hope is found** in the God of wrath and rescue who offers His Son as the Ark of salvation from eternal fire.