
KNOW & GROW

An Exposition of 2 Peter



“The Apostate Preacher”

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2nd Peter 2:10a-22 [Message 6]

Central Truth: Believers should recognize the significance of false apostate teaching by understanding the depravity, deception, and origin of its advocates.

I. The Attributes of An Apostate Preacher (10b-16).

- a. They are arrogant (10b-11).
- b. They are animalistic (12-13a).
- c. They are hedonistic (13b-14a).
- d. They are greedy (14b-16).

II. The Manipulation of An Apostate Preacher (17-19).

- a. They are deceptive (17a).
- b. They are doomed (17b).
- c. They are seductive (18-19).

III. The Making of An Apostate Preacher (20-22).

- a. They rely on a false profession (20-21).

b. They illustrate a true proverb (22).

Scripture of the Week:

“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”

† *Jude 3-4* †

Background to 2nd Peter

- **Author:** The Apostle Peter (*aka: Cephas/Simon Barjona*)
- **Genre:** General epistle (*written to Christian's everywhere*)
- **Recipients:** This letter was written largely to Gentile Christians; scattered throughout the Romans Provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia; collectively known as Asia Minor/Modern Day Turkey (*1 Pet. 1:1; 2 Pet. 3:1*).
- **Date of Writing:** 65-68 AD, just prior to Peter's martyrdom under the Roman Emperor Nero (*2 Pet. 1:13-14*).
- **Place of Writing:** City of Rome (*Most probable*).
- **The Occasion and Purpose of 2nd Peter:** Peter wrote this letter to encourage his readers to grow in Christian maturity so that they would be able to discern truth from error as they faithfully await Christ's return. Peter foresaw false teachers entering the church to destroy it from within, and he wanted Christians to be prepared to withstand their onslaught of error – he knew that growth was the key. There are several similarities between 2nd Peter and Jude. It seems that Jude experienced what Peter prophesied. Peter warned that false teachers are coming, and Jude warned that false teachers had arrived.
- **Key Words:** Know/Knowledge (*used 17X*), Remind/Remember (*used 4X*), Diligent/Diligence (*used 4X*).

An Overview of 2nd Peter

Reference	Perspective	Chapter Theme
1:1-21	Look Within	Be Diligent in Spiritual Growth
2:1-22	Look Out	Beware of False Teachers
3:1-18	Look Forward	Be Ready for Christ's Return

Messages in This Series

I. Look Within: Be Diligent in Spiritual Growth (1:1-21).

- 1) *"Divine Provision" (1:1-4).*
- 2) *"How to Grow in Grace" (1:5-11).*
- 3) *"The Supremacy of God's Word" (1:12-21).*

II. Look Out: Beware of False Teachers (2:1-22).

- 4) *"The Pervasiveness of Plastic Preachers" (2:1-3).*
- 5) *"Wrath & Rescue" (2:4-10a).*
- 6) *"The Apostate Preacher" (2:10b-22).*

III. Look Forward: Be Ready for Christ's Return (3:1-18).