

**“Understanding the Doctrine and Doom of False Teachers” 9/06/09
2 Peter 2:1-9**

Studies in 2 Peter- “Avoiding the Snare of False Teaching”

Best defenses against false teachers are: understanding our salvation, the fruit that it produces, our calling and election, and the Word of God!

FADS- Promise Keepers, Prayer of Jabez, Purpose Driven Life, Passion of the Christ, Left-Behind series, March for Jesus, WWJD Bracelets, Toronto Blessing, Emergent Church, Christian Porn, Song of Songs Explicit Study from the pulpit. QUOTE #2,3

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons," (1 Timothy 4:1; see also Matthew 24:5, 11, 24; 1 John 2:18; Gal. 2:4-5; 5:9; 1 Cor. 5:6; Phil. 3:2; 2 Thes. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:6-7; 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:13-3:1-17; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 3:17-18; Rev. 2:14-16; 2 Corinthians 11:1-4)

POINT 1- God has guaranteed that false teachers will bring in their DOCTRINE

- A. God wants us to be aware of the NATURE of their doctrine.
(Gal 5:20; Acts 20:29-30; Mark 1:15; Matt 3:2; 4:17; Gal 1:6-9)

*Mormonism- D&C 84 (1832); 124:49-51; compare Job 42:2; Isaiah 55:11; 46:10; 44:26
D&C 114 (April 1838), David-10/1838; Alma 7:10; Helaman 14:27; **CFNI QUOTE**
Jehovah's Witnesses- John 1:1-3; 8:24; Titus 2:13; Rom 9:5; Isaiah 9:6; Jeremiah 23:6
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- B. God wants us to be aware of the FRUIT of their doctrine.
(2 Peter 2:2; Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23-30; Prov 14:12)
- C. God wants us to be aware of the METHOD of their doctrine.
(1 Tim 6:3, 5, 9-11; Tit 1:7; 2 Pet 2:3, 14; Jude 1:16; Isa 56:11; 1 Pet 5:2)

Going Deeper *God expects us to be constantly on guard and discerning the truth!*

POINT 2- God has guaranteed that false teachers are headed for DOOM

- A. The doom of the false teachers is consistent with other EXAMPLES
(Genesis 6:3-9; Jude 1:5-7; Genesis 6-9; 18-19; Luke 17:26-30)
- B. The doom of the false teachers provides comfort to the GODLY
(2 Peter 2:5, 7, 9; Mal 3:16-4:3; James 5:11; Rom 8:28; John 10:28)

Going Deeper *God wants us to know that He is faithful as we seek and learn of Him!*

Homework: *Read through and seek to understand our statement of faith. Look up the verses as you learn. It's on our website too: www.ccc-nl.org*

QUOTE #1

“Error, indeed, is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the inexperienced (ridiculous as the expression may seem) more true than the truth itself” Irenaeus of Lyons, *Adversus Haereses*, 1.,2, in *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, vol, 1, Alexander Roberts and James Donalson, ed., Hendrickson, 1994.

QUOTE #2

“And of course, whatever is next must be a great deal better still... The past is beside the point, outdated, reactionary, and stagnant. In a word that is today's supreme term of dismissal, the past is irrelevant, Everything Christian from worship to evangelism must be fresh, new, up-to-date, attuned, appealing, seeker-sensitive, audience-friendly, and relentlessly relevant... .”“All new,” “must-read; “the sequel that is more than equal” - the mentality is rampant and the effect is corrosive” Os Guinness, *Prophetic Untimeliness, A Challenge to the Idol of Relevance*, Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003, pp. 40, 76.

QUOTE #3

We've all heard speakers claim, "If you'll pray more, preach the word; and be dedicated; then your church will grow." Well, that's just not true..
Rick Warren, "Rick Warren Interview" at <http://www.pastors.comiportal/new/RickInterview.asp>

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4 is the ANSWER to FADS

COMPARE:

“For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God. God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the preaching the message to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified; to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” (1 Cor 1:21-25; Rom 1:16)