

Study 4

Read 2 Peter 2:1-10

SUMMARY OF THE PASSAGE

Even though the Holy Spirit has brought God's truth to us, many people deny Him and secretly begin to teach dangerous lies in the church. As a result, people are tricked, and the name of Christ is insulted. But God knows who these false teachers are, and just like always, He will judge those who rebel against Him and rescue those who belong to Him.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 2:9-10a (HCSB)—The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, especially those who follow the polluting desires of the flesh and despise authority.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is it that false prophets and false teachers introduce to God's people (2:1)?
2. What will happen to those who deny the one they claim is their Master (2:1)?
3. What is the result of many people following the false teachers (2:2)?
4. Why do the false teachers exploit and deceive others? What is their motivation (2:3)?
5. What groups does Peter give as examples of God's judgment (2:4-7)?
6. Which two Old Testament characters does Peter mention as examples of God rescuing His people (2:5-8)?
7. What does God rescue the godly from (2:9)?

8. What types of sinners will especially receive God's judgment (2:10)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does God protect the church today from false teachers?

- What kinds of false teachings seem to be attacking Christianity around the world? In your church? In your family?

- How does God's judgment on false teachers affect your attitude toward them?

- How does it make you feel to know that God protects and preserves His own people?

- What can you do to help protect yourself and others from the effects of false teaching?

1. Read 2 Peter 2:1-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Characterize the "false prophets," according to verse 1.

3. What will happen to "the way of truth," according to verse 2?

4. How will they "exploit you," according to verse 3?

5. What illustration does he use of the certainty of judgment, according to verse 4?

6. What illustration does he use of judgment in verse 5?

7. What illustration does he use in verses 6-8 concerning judgment?

8. What two things is the Lord knowing how to do, according to verse 9?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: False teachers will deny the shedding of blood for the remission of sins.

LESSON #2: The false teachers are inclined toward living by desires.

LESSON #3: The false teachers are greedy.

LESSON #4: God's judgment is swift and certain.

LESSON #5: The Lord is knowing how to be delivering the godly out of testing or temptation.

CHECKPOINT

You are now past the halfway point of 2 Peter. Take some time to pause and reflect on the fruit God has produced in you and through you.

In what ways has your understanding of 2 Peter influenced your prayer life? What are some specific things you can pray for?

In what ways are you currently suffering for the sake of Christ? How are you responding to that suffering?

In what ways has your understanding of 2 Peter influenced your worship?

Are there any songs that have been an encouragement to you?

What is one of your favorite verses that you have covered so far in 2 Peter?

Describe how it has helped you grow closer to Christ.

Before continuing, reread 2 Peter in one sitting. It will help remind you about the big picture and let you review everything that has been covered so far.