

## **The Letter of Second Peter: The Importance of God's Promises**

2 Peter 1:1-22

### **I. The Character of False Teaching (v.1-3)**

1. False teaching is subtle.
2. False teaching is destructive.
3. False teaching is attractive.
4. False teaching denies Christ.

### **II. The Character of False Teachers (v.10b-18)**

1. False teachers are characterized by arrogance.
2. False teachers are characterized by sensuality.
3. False teachers are characterized by greed.

### **III. The Consequences of False Teaching (v.4-10a, 19-22)**

1. False teaching results in destruction for false teachers.

*Jeremiah 28:15-17 – [15] And Jeremiah the prophet said to the prophet Hananiah, "Listen, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie. [16] Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the LORD.'" [17] In that same year, in the seventh month, the prophet Hananiah died.*

2. False teaching results in destruction for those who follow it.
3. False teaching results in damage to the cause of the gospel.

#### IV. The Character of Gospel Orthodoxy

1. Gospel orthodoxy is ready to defend the truth of the gospel.

*Jude 3-4 – [3] Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. [4] 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.*

2. Gospel orthodoxy is ready to receive with grace those wounded by false teaching.

*“After 18 years of pastoral ministry, I have never met a person who fell in love with Jesus because a Christian scolded them about their morality or their ethics. Have you?”  
– Scott Sauls*

3. Gospel orthodoxy is ready to grow in the truth of the gospel.

*2 Peter 3:17-18 – [17] You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. [18] But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

4. Gospel orthodoxy is ready to stand alone for the truth of the gospel.

*“Some will suggest that a Christian sexual ethic puts the churches on the “wrong side of history.” Well, we’ve been on the wrong side of history since AD 33. The “right side of history” was the Eternal City of Rome. And then the right side of history was the French Revolution. And then the right side of history was scientific naturalism and state socialism. And yet, there stands Jesus still, on the wrong side of history but at the right hand of the Father.” – Russell Moore*

*“Since Jesus Christ is coming again, the only way to be on the right side of history is to belong to him.” – Tim Keller*