

Tough & Tender: A Study of 2 Peter & Jude

Week 3: Beware

Message Summary: Peter spends an entire chapter warning his friends about the “false teachers” that would show up in their church. With scathing analysis, he labels them “arrogant,” “experts in greed,” and “dogs” that lick up their own vomit. Why would the man who just encouraged us to be kind and loving say such things (and encourage modern Christian to feel the same way)? This chapter has the answer.

◆ Genesis 3:4 — “You will be like God.”

Revelation 22:18-19 (Paraphrase) — “Don't add and don't subtract from the words of this book.”

◆ 2 Peter 2:1-2 — “But there will be false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. “They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them. Many will follow the shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.”

◆ 2 Peter 2:3 — “Greedy”

2 Peter 2:10 — “Bold and arrogant,”

2 Peter 2:12 — “Brute beasts,”

2 Peter 2:14 — “Eyes full of adultery,”

2 Peter 2:22 — “Dog and a pig.”

◆ 2 Timothy 2:15 — “To correctly handle the word of truth.”

Revelation 22:18-19 — “Not to add or subtract from it.”

◆ Takeaway 1: **Pray** for your pastors and church leaders.

◆ Takeaway 2: May God grant you **vigilance**.

- ◆ Takeaway 3: Lord keep us from the sin of **apathy**.

- ◆ 2 Peter 2:13 — “They will be paid back for the harm they have done.”
 2 Peter 2:21 — “It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness.”

- ◆ Matthew 16:22 — “Lord, this will never happen to you.”
 Mark 14:71 — “I don't know the man.”

- ◆ 2 Peter 2:1 — “The sovereign Lord Who bought them.”

- ◆ Takeaway 4: People can be **rescued** from false teachers.

Planting Jesus Roots

GATHER — Have you listened to a complete sermon series from start to finish? What better way to learn and understand Scriptures teaching's about certain subjects. Past series are available on YouTube.

GROUP — Do you have questions about certain teachings of the Bible? Group is a great place to discuss and get answers.

GROW — Want a review of basic Christian doctrine? Starting Point offers a great opportunity to do that. It's available on-line and can be watched when it's convenient. Topical growth groups often touch on false teachings in our world today. Look for that opportunity this fall.

GIVE — Did you know that we send monthly offerings to our church headquarters? Those offerings help support missionaries around the world that are sharing the gospel. Pray that God blesses their message in the midst of other dominant religions.

GO — Do you know someone who believes something contrary to Scripture? (Who of us doesn't?) Pray that God gives you words to put a pebble in their shoe to think about things differently? What could you do to prepare for that conversation?

Homework: 2 Peter 3:1-9