

**Second Peter: Courageous Living in Chaotic Days**  
**The Anatomy of False Teachers**  
**2 Peter 2:1-22**

We began our journey with the now aged Apostle Peter in him teaching us what he reminded all believers throughout the Church...

The walk of a believer is marked by a holy life empowered by the Holy Spirit...

He then guided us in the reliability of God's Word through the prophets and apostles...

As we continue our journey with Peter, he now wants to expose the antithesis to the true Christian faith...

Chapter 2 of 2 Peter is composed entirely of Peter's exposure and assessment of FALSE TEACHERS...

**Satan has an ungodly counterfeit for everything godly...**

Two weeks ago we began 2 Peter chapter 2 by looking at the REALITY OF FALSE TEACHERS...

**False teachers will...**

- **Dwell among us**
- **Divide between us**
- **Delight many of us**
- **Deceive some of us**

This week we are looking at the ANATOMY of false teachers...

So the question before us today is this...

**How can I detect a false teacher from a true teacher of God's Word?**

→ **Pic 1**



So we have this guy...

He looks OK... In fact, he looks pretty cool!

So what do we need to be looking for in order to discover if this guy is legit or if we need to be wary?

**1. Examine the HEART**

→ **Pic 2**



➤ **Key Trait – DENY JESUS LORDSHIP**

**2 Peter 2:1 (ESV) — But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.**

**In saying that these false teachers “deny the Master” what is Peter saying?**

**The word translated, “denying” means...**

***Refusing to acknowledge***

**The word translated, “Master” means...**

***One who holds complete power or authority over another***

**These false teacher refuse to acknowledge Jesus as the One who holds complete power and authority over their life**

**The overwhelming truth taught in Scripture regarding those who are genuine followers of Jesus is total surrender of life to Christ...**

**Luke 9:23–24 (ESV) — And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.**

**Galatians 2:20 (ESV) — I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**Acts 20:22–24 (ESV) — And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.**

***Surrender is a centerpiece of the Christian life***

**Romans 12:1 (ESV) — I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19b–20 (ESV) — You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

**1. Examine the HEART**

**2. Question the MIND**

→ **Pic 3**



➤ **Key Trait – DESPISING AUTHORITY**

**2 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV) — ... the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones**

**2 Peter 2:10 (NLT) — He is especially hard on those who follow their own twisted sexual desire, and who despise authority. These people are proud and arrogant, daring even to scoff at supernatural beings without so much as trembling.**

What does it mean to “despise authority”?

The word translated here, “despise” means...

**To feel contempt for someone or something because it is thought to be bad or without value**

The word translated here, “authorities” literally means...

**Supernatural ruling powers whether angels or demons**

Same word used here...

**Colossians 1:16 (ESV) — For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

**Ephesians 1:21 (ESV) — Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

**These False Teacher have contempt toward supernatural ruling powers in the heavenly realms!**

**2 Peter 2:10b (ESV) — ... Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones**

What does it mean to blaspheme?

**To speak against someone (God, human, angel, or demon) in such a way as to harm or injure his or her reputation — to revile, to defame**

**1. Examine the HEART**

**2. Question the MIND**

**3. Survey the BODY**

→ Pic 4



➤ **Key Trait – DEFILING PASSIONS**

**2 Peter 2:10a (ESV) — And especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.**

**This phrase, “defiling passions” means that a person lives in...**

***A state of being tainted or stained by evil***

***Survey these three Attributes...***

→ **Their MOUTH**

➤ ***They desire to EXPLOIT you***

**2 Peter 2:3 (ESV) — And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.**

**To exploit literally means to “cheat you”... to take advantage of you...**

**To deceive you with their words...**

**In verse one, Peter says they are going to attempt to bring in destructive heresies...**

→ **Their EYES**

➤ ***They desire to ENTICE you***

**2 Peter 2:14 (ESV) — They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!**

**2 Peter 2:18 (ESV) — For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.**

→ **Their FEET**

➤ ***They desire to ENTANGLE you***

**2 Peter 2:15–16 (ESV) — Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet’s madness.**

**2 Peter 2:19–20 (ESV) — They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.**

→ **Pic 5**



**Survey these three Attributes...**

→ Their \_\_\_\_\_

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