

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth; And in
Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; He descended into
hell and on the third day He rose from
the dead;**

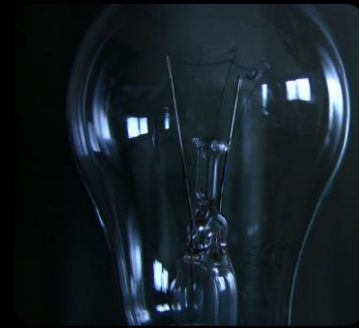
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

***True Knowledge:
The Antidote for
False Teaching***

A Study of 2 Peter



Introduction



- What percentage of the people in hell do you think got there because they were deceived?
- If the world ever needed a warning, it needs to be warned against false teachers
- There is one major problem with false teaching. It is a lie; it is not the truth
- Peter is warning us against false teachers, but equally reminding us that God can and will protect and deliver us

K.N.O.W.L.E.D.G.E.

K = Know to grow

N = Necessary realities (Need to know)

O = Object to False Teaching

2 Peter 2:1-9

Twisted Teachers



- When did the false prophets do their destructive work in the world?
- In Old Testament times, false prophets contradicted the true prophets
- Just as there were false prophets in Old Testament times, Peter explained, there will be false teachers among you
- The term "heresy" applies to cardinal doctrines whose misinterpretation would be destructive to Christianity.
- Peter succinctly summarized the methods of the false teachers
 - They appear as members of the church
 - They work under cover of hypocrisy
 - They bring in false teachings alongside true doctrine
 - Their lives deny their teaching

Historic Judgment



- History gives ample verification of God's judgment
- If God in His justice punished angels, surely He would not hesitate to punish people
- The primary focus of 2 Peter 2:5 is the unsparing hand of God on the antediluvian civilization
- Peter reminded that God can judge evil even when it involves the entire human race
- Peter concluded this illustration of Sodom and Gomorrah by saying that God made them an example (*hypodeigma*, "model, pattern")
- Don't ever minimize the certainty of God's judgment on the words of those who rebel against Him

Divine Deliverance



- The word "rescue" in verses 7 and 9 speaks of God's willingness and ability to deliver His people
- Lot was distressed by the enormity of iniquity all around him
- The Lord knows how to rescue the righteous and to punish the unrighteous.
- The point of the passage is two-fold: It is to bring instruction and comfort
- Each believer has a responsibility to discern what is being taught no matter what the medium

HOMEWORK: READ 2 Peter 2:10-16