

## 2 Peter 2:17-22

The Impact of False Teachers on Others

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### The False Promises Heretics Bring

2 Peter 2:17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

Jude 12 These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

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### False Teachers Entice New Converts

2 Peter 2:18-19 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

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### The Danger in Apostasy

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

1. They = false teachers
2. They = those who follow false teachers
3. They = both false teachers and followers

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### The Culpability of "This Generation"

Matthew 12:45 "Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with **this evil generation.**"

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### They Never Really Belonged

2 Peter 2:21-22 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, *returns* to wallowing in the mire."

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found **only** as “faithful sons and daughters” in Christ.

2 Peter 2:19a ...promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption;

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

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#### 1. Our Freedom as Sons and Daughters

John 8:33-36 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. “The slave does not remain in the house forever; **the son does remain forever**. “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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#### Application

2. We must understand that the Bible clearly affirms the eternal security of a believer, but not eternal presumption by unbelievers.

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## 2. The Perseverance of the Saints

1. All people whom God predestines and regenerates will believe in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation and will persevere by God's grace to the end.
2. All people who do not persevere to the end by God's grace were never true believers in Christ and therefore were never numbered among the elect.

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John 10:26-28 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. "**My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Romans 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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## 2. Warning Passages

Colossians 1:22-23 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— **if** indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven...

(cf. Matt. 24:12; Heb. 2:1; 3:14; 6:11; 1 John 2:6)

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2. God Uses Means For His Purposes	
God's Prior Decrees	God's Means
The elect will believe!	Romans 10:14-17
The elect will persevere!	Warning passages: Heb 2:1; 3:14; 6:11 etc.

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2. The Elect Heed The Warnings.
<p><u>2 Peter 1:10</u> Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble.</p> <p>➤The unbelievers won't heed these words because they are not free to do so!</p> <p>➤Believers are "free" to heed these words, because the Son has "set us free indeed!"</p>

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