



2. Peter

Persevering to the End

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- 2 Peter 2:1-3

“False christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.” — Mark 13:22-23

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.— Matthew 24:24

“ . . . false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness”

-2 Corinthians 11:13–15

Satan is the “deceiver”:

He has a **false gospel** (Gal. 1:6-9)

Preached by **false ministers** (2 Cor. 11:13-12)

Producing **false Christians** (2 Cor. 11:26)...

Plants his **counterfeits** wherever God plants true believers (Matt. 13:38).

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Claims against Willow Creek's Bill Hybels of 'sexually conduct are credible, new report says



If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrines conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

-1 Timothy 6:3-5

2 Peter 2:1-3

vs 1. Deception based on novelty.

vs 1. Different message: denying the Master

vs 1. Destructive product

vs. 2. Popular following

vs 2. Sensual lifestyle

vs 2. Dishonor the reputation of the Church

vs 3. Greed, exploitation for personal gain.

vs 1: They deceptively introduce novelty

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- 2 Peter 2:1

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses

- 2 Peter 1:16

“...there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies... 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false (NIV: fabricated stories) words.”

—2 Peter 2:1, 3

“The great Christian heresies vary wildly in their theological substance, but almost all have in common a desire to resolve Christianity’s contradictions, untie its knotty paradoxes, and produce a cleaner and more coherent faith.”

- Ross Douthat, “Bad Religion”

vs I: A Different Message

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27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

- Matthew 16:27

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

- Apostles' Creed

vs I: Destructive Product

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“These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm.”

- 2 Peter 2:17

vs 2: Popular Following

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- 2 Peter 2:2

13 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few... 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

- Matthew 7:13-14,21-23



vs 2: Sensual Lifestyle

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- Know why we believe what we believe: (Creeds, Church History, etc.)

My dear children, you belong to God. So you have defeated them because God's Spirit, who is in you, is greater than the devil, who is in the world.

— 1 John:4:4