

# DANGER: FALSE TEACHERS!

2 Peter 2:1-12  
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## Two keys to dealing with false teachers:

### I. How do we \_\_\_\_\_ false teachers?

**2 PETER 2:1-3 (NIV84)** 1 But there were also **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—bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 **Many** will follow their **shameful ways** and will bring the way of **truth** into disrepute. 3 In their **greed** these teachers will **exploit** you with stories they have made up. Their **condemnation** has long been hanging over them, and their **destruction** has not been sleeping.

1. They teach false “\_\_\_\_\_”. (v.1)

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2.They present a false \_\_\_\_\_. (v.1)

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3.They preach a false \_\_\_\_\_. (v.2)

**Matt 7:13** - narrow gate

**Galatians 1:9 (NIV84)** If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

*“Men do not give authority to truth; truth gives authority to men.”*

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4.They produce false \_\_\_\_\_. (v.2)

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**Are you allowing false teachers to influence your life?**

### II. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of false teachers?

**2 PETER 2:4-12 (NIV84)** For if God did not spare **angels** when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the **ancient world** when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected **Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of **Sodom and Gomorrah** by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued **Lot**, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. 10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; 11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. 12 But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.

1. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the unrighteous. (v.9)

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2. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous. (v.9)

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**Are you following people who are under God’s judgment?**

### III. Application

1. We need to reject the \_\_\_\_\_ of false teachers.

2.We need to believe \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible.

**Have you repented and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ alone for your salvation?**

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#### Discussion Questions:

1. Have you encountered any false teachers in your life? List a few and explain why you think they were imitation and not the real thing.
2. Why do you think there are so many false teachers in the world today?

3. Why do you think God cares enough to warn us about false teachers?
4. List some practical ideas on how you can avoid false teachers.