

Text: 2 Peter 2:12-22
Topics: Enslavement, False Teaching, Hypocrisy
Series: Know These Things! (2 Peter)

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Beware of Their Teaching and Methods!

I. They Revel (12-16)

Beware of the reviling, reveling, and religious hypocrisy of the false teachers.

II. They Return (17-22)

Be aware of the slavery of sin, and be in the freedom of Christ!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Read 2 Peter 2:12-16. Peter compares the false prophets to unreasoning animals, calls them stains and blemishes, and says they follow the way of Balaam. What is he saying about them using each of these terms?

How does he describe their future?

What purpose would it serve for Peter to describe and condemn so fully these false teachers?

2. Peter said these false teachers were "among you" and "carouse/feast with you." In other words, they acted like they were Christians, but their conduct showed they weren't. Christians can be guilty of hypocrisy as well. What do you think might be the most common forms of hypocrisy among Christians?

Why might Christians fall into it? How can the church best help people to not fall into hypocrisy? In what way(s) do you most tend to fall into hypocrisy?

3. Read 2 Peter 2:17-22. What does Peter say the false teachers:

Are –

Do –

Have in their future –

4. Peter reveals the sad current state and coming end of the false teachers and those who follow their ways. What is the other way? (See John 8:31-32)

Can a Christian "return" to "vomit" and "mire" (v. 22)? What kinds of things tempt you?

How can what you learned from this passage help you?