

False Teaching Will End > 2 Peter 2:1-3

2:1 *What a false teacher does.* Peter points out three main indicators of a false teacher (= a false prophet): they are secretive in their mission of undermining God's truth, they bring in division against what the scriptures teach, and they deny or minimize Jesus.

2:2 *What a false teacher produces.* The evil work of a false teacher harms not only themselves, but also all who fall into their trap. Their unfaithful teachings lead to all kinds of sin and bring shame and a bad reputation to Christianity.

2:3 *What a false teacher receives.* As dire as this situation appears, Peter wants us to remember that false teaching will not ultimately win. God will protect his people – indeed, he is already at work in the judgment and downfall of false teaching. A day is coming when only the truth will prevail.

Background: From this point forward, Peter will address the dangers of false teachers who are trying to influence Christians away from what Jesus has said is true.

The Point: False teachers exist and we are to be wary of them, but ultimately, our focus and hope is to be on Jesus.

Head: Know that God is in control – that even false teaching will not thwart his plan for Christ's kingdom.

Heart: Believe that false teaching can be identified and that there will be justice done upon those who lead folks astray.

Hands: How will you speak words of hope in our world?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
