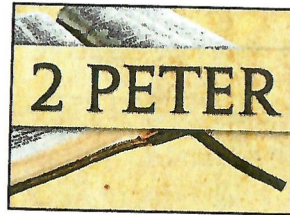


The False Prophet Checklist

2nd Peter: A Faith Worth Defending #6
(2nd Peter 2:10b-22)



There are Bibles on your seat or nearby. Please grab one and open it to
2 Peter 2:10ff [p. 1019-Black/1299-Blue]

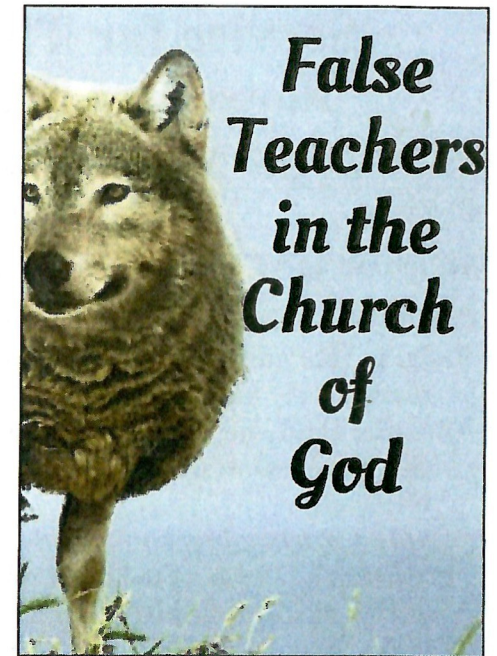
2 Peter 2:1 "... *there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies...* "

Three Questions:

1. Are there false prophets today & are we at risk of being deceived by them?
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 [989-Black/1260-Blue], 1 Timothy 4:1-2 [992-Black/1264-Blue], 1 John 2:18-19 [1021-Black/1302-Blue], Matthew 7:15,21-23 [812-Black/1032-Blue]
2. Who are they and how can we spot them?
 - 2 Peter 2:10-19 [1019-Black/1299-Blue], Ezekiel 22:26 [710-Black/900-Blue], Jeremiah 23:14 [651-Black/826-Blue], Ezekiel 34:2 [722-Black/915-Blue], Ezekiel 22:27 [710-Black/900-Blue], Numbers 24:25-25:2 [133-Black/169-Blue], Revelation 2:14 [1029-Black/1311-Blue]
3. How do we protect ourselves from false prophets?
 - Matthew 7:16,20-23 [812-Black/1032-Blue], 1 John 2:21 [1022-Black/1302-Blue], 1 John 4:1 [1023-Black/1303-Blue], 1 Timothy 4:1-2 [992-Black/1264-Blue]

Allusions to: James 1:14, James 4:6, 2 Corinthians 10:4

Additional Study: Jeremiah 28, Jeremiah 23, Jeremiah 27, Ezekiel 13, Ezekiel 34



Now these false teachers understood, no doubt, the liberation afforded by the cross of Christ; liberty was one of their war-cries. But they did not recognize the obligation of holy living imposed by the Crucified. By their lives they denied the Lord who bought them. Christianity is, indeed, a religion of liberty; but it also demands loving bondservitude to Jesus the Redeemer.

- Michael Green, 2nd Peter and Jude, p.118

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

November 2, 2025

Service for The Lord's Day

November 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in the Real Freedom of Knowing & Serving Christ

Prelude

Nancy Tedford, piano

Welcome and Church Family News

Call to Worship (from 2nd Peter 2) Jay Hull

Leader: But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you.

People: Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant,

Leader: reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you.

People: They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed.

Leader: Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing,

People: These are waterless springs & mists driven by a storm.

Leader: For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

People: They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption.

Leader: For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment.

People: What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

We Worship The God of All Wisdom & Truth

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band
"Salvation Is Here" & "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

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***Time of Greeting**

Children's Prayer Time

Katie Guerrero

We Confess Our Sin as an Act of Faithfulness & Hope

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance
& Gloria Patri (#734)**

Time of Offering

Anthem *A Communion Invitation* – Martin Covenant Choir
***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Receive Deep Insights from The Word of God

***Hymn of Preparation:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #32

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 2:10b-22 (p.1018)

Message: *The False Prophet Checklist* Elder Steve Patton
(2nd Peter: A Faith Worth Defending #6)

We Come to the Lord's Table to Remember & Celebrate

***Unison Affirmation** The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p.845)

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Go Forth & God's Lamp of Truth Shines in the Darkness

***Closing Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" #44

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Nancy Tedford, organ

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