



Terrorists in the Church: The Description, Danger and Doom of False Teachers (Part 3)

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2 Peter 2:2-3



1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as also there will be false teachers among you who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed; **3** and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle and their destruction is not asleep.

– 2 Peter 2:1-3, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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Chapter Overview:

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I. The Commencement of False Teachers (1-3a)

- A. Be Aware: False teachers in the church PARALLEL the false prophets of Israel (1a)
- B. Be Alert: False teachers in the church operate COVERTLY (1b)
- C. Be Separate: False teachers in the church DENY God (1c)
- D. Be Patient: False teachers in the church are being JUDGED (1d)
- E. Be Diligent: False teachers in the church will have a _____ (2a)

" . . . hardly one in ten of those who have once made a profession of Christ, retains the purity of faith to the end. Almost all turn aside into corruptions, and being deluded by the teachers of licentiousness, they become profane. Lest this should make our faith to falter, Peter comes to our help, and in due time foretells that this very thing would be, that is, that false teachers would draw many to perdition." [John Calvin]

F. Be Grieved: False teachers in the church _____ Christ (2b)

The Word of God tells us that Christ's church is glorious... [But] today the glory of the church is thickly veiled. It is no exaggeration to assert that in the main it presents a picture of advanced decadence and extreme feebleness... Let it be said emphatically, the church is where the truth is. Sound doctrine always has been, is today, and ever will be the foremost mark of the true church. But who dares to assert that there is today in the churches a rising tide of interest in doctrine? By and large people do not go to church to learn about God from His infallible Word, but to be tranquilized. And that the glory of God is both the beginning and the end of common worship does not seem to occur to them. [R.B. Kuiper]

G. Be Discerning: False teachers in the church are _____ (3a)

A. Three basic traits:

1. They are G _____ (3a) *"in their greed"*
2. They are S _____ (3b) *"they will exploit you"*
3. They are M _____ (3c) *"with false words"*

II. The Condemnation of False Teachers (3b-9)

A. Their Judgment Declared (3b)

B. Their Judgment Described (4-9)