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Remain in the Truth!
(2 Peter 2)



Background:

- Apostle Peter's last words to the Churches of Asia Minor.
- In Chapter 2, Peter was warning the Churches of the false teachers who were corrupting Christian Truths and morals.

In the past 2 sermons:

- Ps Darren spoke on *The Knowledge of the Faith*
- Ps Kok Guan spoke on *We want to Grow!*
- Chapter 2 is to further warn us of the danger of being deceived, which will prevent us from growing in Christ.



2 Peter 2:1-22

2 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be
false teachers among you, who will

secretly bring in destructive heresies, even

denying the Master who bought them,

bringing upon themselves **swift destruction**. ² And

many will follow their sensuality, and because of them

the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ And in

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Blue - Distinctives of the False Teachers

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a herald of righteousness,
with seven others,
when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

⁶ if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned
them to extinction,
making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

⁷ and if He rescued righteous Lot,

greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ⁸

(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day,

he was tormenting his righteous soul

over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and

to keep the unrighteous under punishment

until the day of judgement, ¹⁰ and

especially those who

indulge in the lust of defiling passion and

despise authority.

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irrational animals,

creatures of instinct,

born to be caught and destroyed,

blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant,

will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³

suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing.

They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime.

They are blots and blemishes,

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¹⁴ They have eyes full of adultery,
insatiable for sin.

They entice unsteady souls.

They have hearts trained in greed.

Accursed children! ¹⁵

Forsaking the right way,

they have gone astray. They have

followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who

loved gain from wrongdoing, ¹⁶ but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

¹⁷ These are waterless springs and

mists driven by a storm.

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¹⁸ For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they

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For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

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they are again entangled in them and overcome,

the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹ 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 delivered to them. ²² 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."

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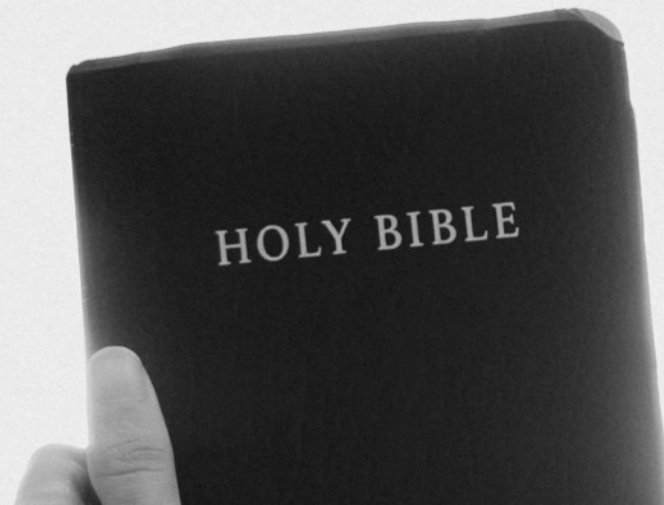
When you know the Truth, you will be able to differentiate falsehood.

	Verses (Distinctives)	Explanation that reveals the Fruit of the False Teachers
1	Secretly introduces destructive heresies (v1, 2, 10, 12)	They secretly introduce a different truth , that will ruin you <u>physically, spiritually and eternally</u> .
2	Many will be enticed by their sensuality (v2, 10, 14, 18, 19)	Many were led astray into shameful sexual sins – abusing the Truth (the grace of Jesus) . -Targeting those who are unstable in their Christian faith (v14), those who are unrepentant and love pleasurable sins (v18) still.

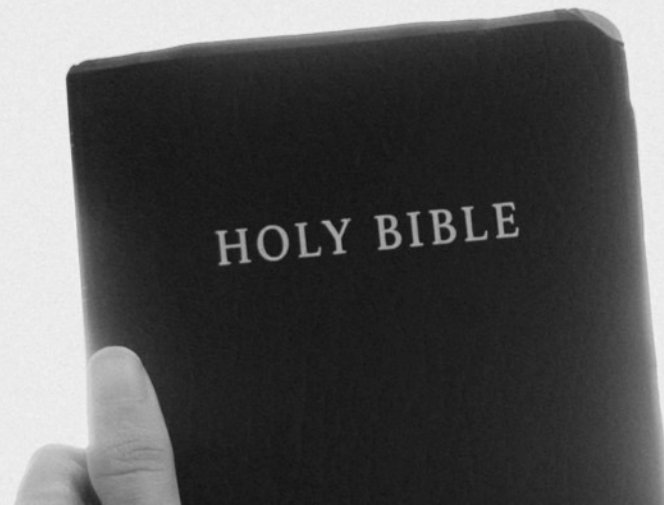
3	Count it pleasure to revel in the daytime (v13, 18)	They sinned unashamedly even in broad daylight ; even while in the church setting (v13... “while they feast with you”. This even happens during the Communion time in church)
4	In their greed they will exploit you with false words (v3, 14, 15)	They will mislead you to covet personal financial gains. (Peddling the Gospel for a fee)
5	Do not tremble as they blaspheme the <u>glorious ones</u> ... which they are ignorant (v10)	They will presumptuously speak against the <u>angelic or demonic beings</u>. -That’s why there are “needless casualties” in spiritual warfare. We are not supposed to wage in spiritual warfare with every spirit.

6	These are <u>waterless springs</u> and <u>mists driven by a storm.</u> (v17)	They pretend to be somebody - A spring of water but they are empty vessels. -They are like the “Mists”, a metaphoric description of their instability
7	They are again entangled in them (<i>in Sin</i>) and overcome (<i>by Sin</i>) (v20)	-According to scholars, these False Teachers who fall away from the truth were once Christians, or they claimed to be Christians, or appeared to be like a Christian. Yet, they went back to their old life of sin, and in turn they taught a different kind of gospel. -However, in reference to this specific passage it seems that they have turned apostate. Recklessly and Stubbornly <u>Rejecting and blaspheming Jesus as their Redeemer and Master.</u>

False Teachings will stumble those who are
ignorant of the Truth



We need to know the Truth of God





Jeffrey Aw

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Just finished an intensive conversation with 2 "god the mother" evangelists. They quoted Gal4:26. I proved their exegesis wrong, they fled.



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**Galatians
4:26**
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Eisegesis



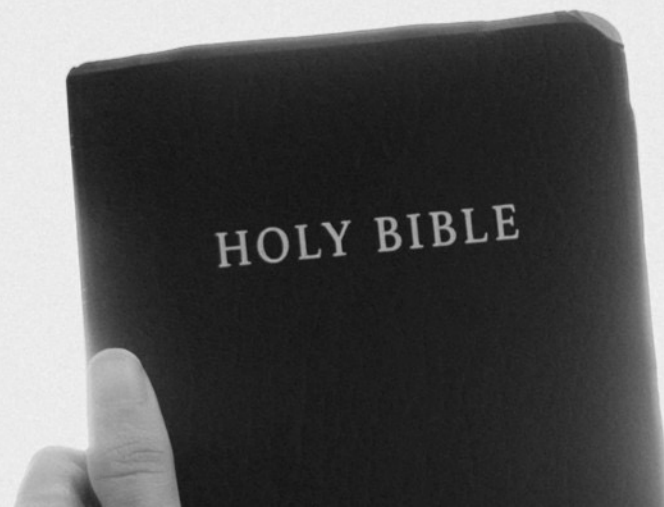
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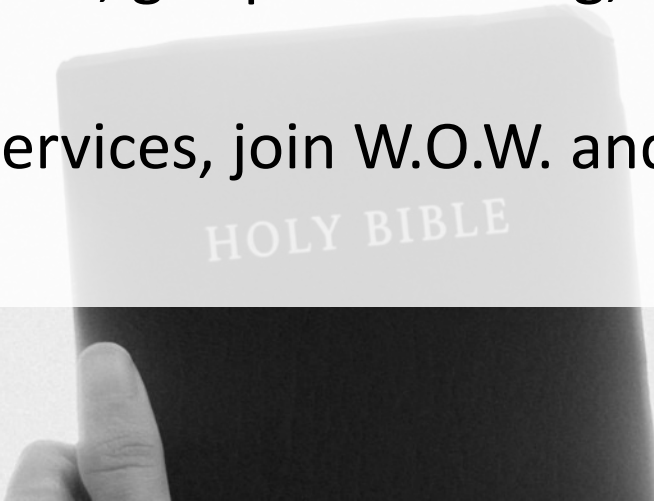
How will you defend the Truth, when someone preaches or challenges you saying that “The Bible did not teach that Jesus is God”?



Application

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Knowing the Judgment of God will keep us in His Truth. Reverential fear of God's judgement will keep us on track.

- We also find comfort in knowing that when we preach the Truth of Jesus, God will take care of us.
- God will not let the false teachers go unpunished and warns those who are on the verge of straying away.



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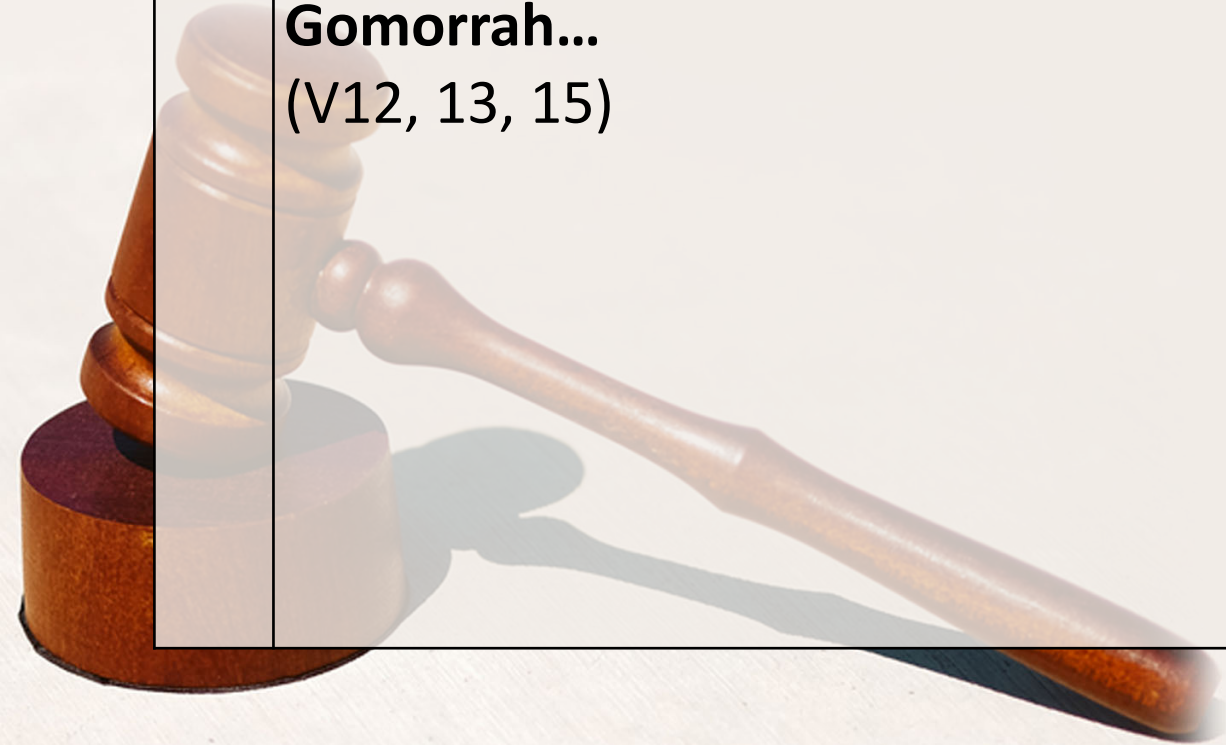
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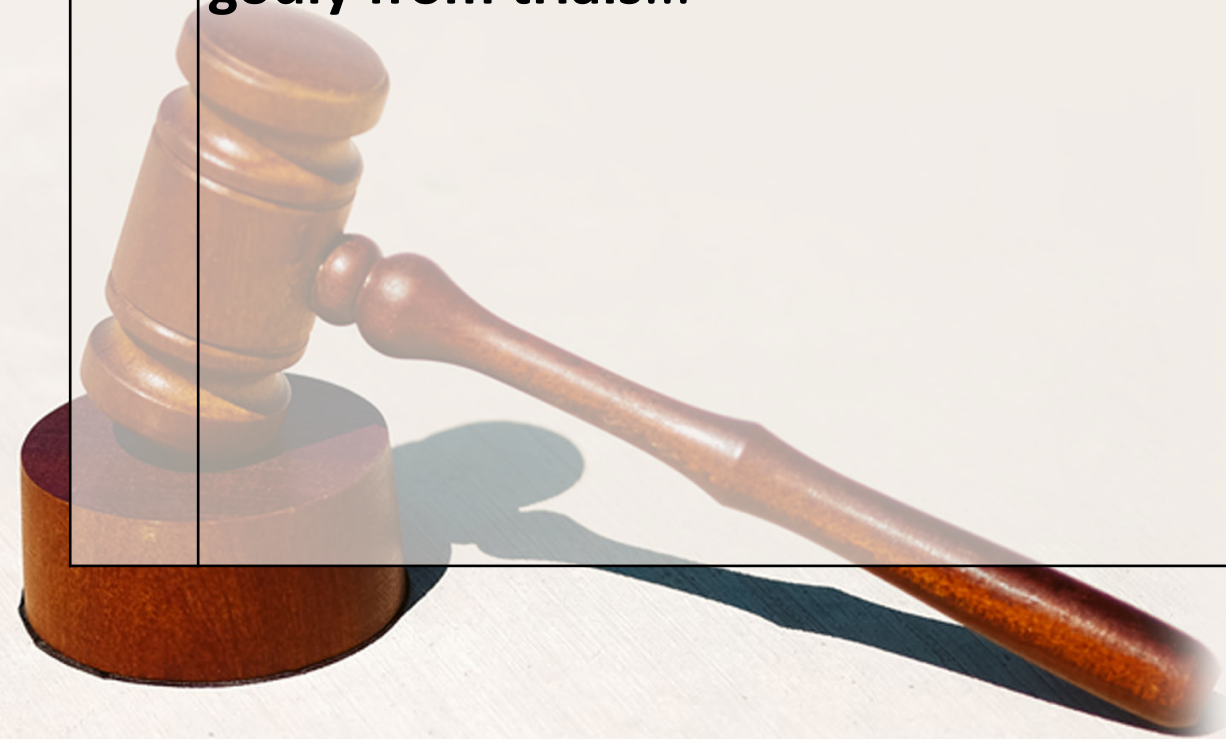
-Scholars believed v4 refers to the angels having relations with women (Gen 6:1-4) and were punished and locked up until the final judgement.

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The Summary:

- For those who deliberately teach falsehood, God will surely punish them.
- For those who press on in preaching the truth, know that God knows and He will rescue them accordingly.
- Know that our God is a just and righteous God and He will execute His judgement accordingly.



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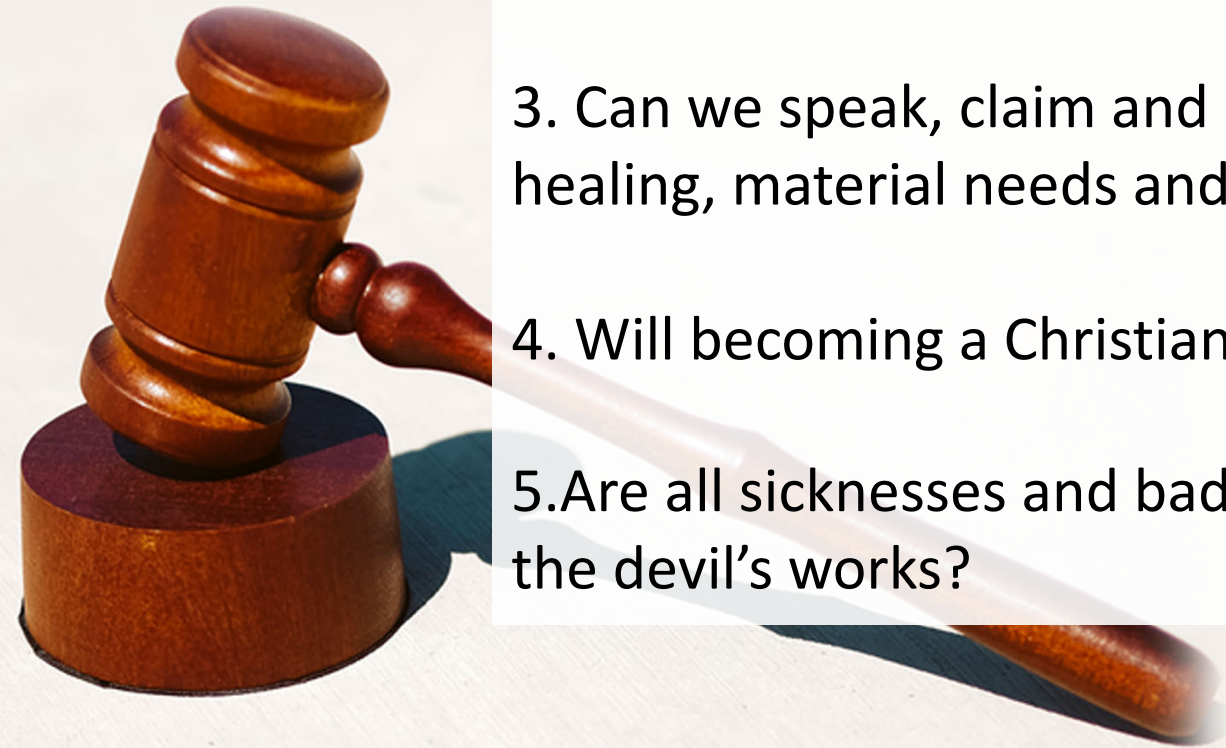
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Reflection Questions

1. Must Christians speak in tongues in order to be saved? OR Does every Christian who speak in tongues belong to the devil?
2. Must Christians be water baptised to be saved?
3. Can we speak, claim and decree all things into existence - things like healing, material needs and success?
4. Will becoming a Christian make you rich?
5. Are all sicknesses and bad situations due to our own sins OR it is due to the devil's works?



Reflection Questions

6. Is there no need for medicine or medical intervention as we only need Jesus' healing?
7. Is it true that the Bible is just a guide as we only need to listen to the Holy Spirit?
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How to Remain in the Truth? (2 Peter 2)

- 1) Know the Truth of God
- 2) Know the Judgement of God



25 ¹¹ Lest you be wise in your own eyes,
unaware of this mystery, brothers: ¹²
come upon Israel, ¹³ until the fullness
26 And in this way all Israel will be saved,
¹⁴ "The Deliverer will come ¹⁵ from Zion,
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob."
27 "and this will be my ¹⁶ covenant with
¹⁷ them when I take away their sins."
28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies,
regards election, they are ¹⁸ beloved
forefathers. 29 For the gifts and ¹⁹ the calling of God are
irrevocable. 30 For just as ²⁰ you were at one time disobedient to

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- 9 ^aBecause of his strength I will give heed unto thee;
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