

## MESSAGE NOTES

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Hope Community Church – Downtown Location

Today's Message:

***There are false teachers. Don't follow them. Don't be one.***

2 Peter 2:10-22

This week's Passage:

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Message Outline:

**Introduction** – “*Bad Teaching, Boring Teaching and False Teaching*”

**The Characteristics of the False Teachers:**

Arrogantly Flamboyant - (2:10-12)

Continual Frat Party – (2:13-14)

Greedy – (2:14-15)

Completely without integrity – (2:17)

Forgot Jesus and Returned to life of sin – (2:21-22)

**The Message of the False Teachers:**

Deny Jesus – (2:1)

Wildly “Spiritual Sounding” – (2:10-12)

Distort the Gospel – (2:18-19)

**The Consequence to False Teachers:**

Caught and destroyed – (2:12)

Paid Back for the harm they have done (2:13)

Significant Eternal Judgement (2:17)

**Three B.Q.s**

**1. *How can I recognize a false teacher***

Jude 3-4, 11

- a. The message is not the gospel
- b. Jesus is not Sovereign Lord
- c. Their lives do not match their message even remotely

**2. *Wait a minute! Did these false teachers come out of the church?***

2 Peter 2:1, 20-21

Matthew 7:15-20

**3. *What is apostasy?***

Mark 4:1-20

1 John 5:11-13

**Gospel Application** – “*Live with confidence and yet, fear the weeds!*”

## Other Scripture Used:

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**BAPTIST CHURCH**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT  
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SUNDAY AND HEAR OUR PREACHER**

**SECOND**

**PETER**

**GROWING IN GRACE**

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## 5. FORGOT JESUS and RETURNED TO A LIFE OF SIN

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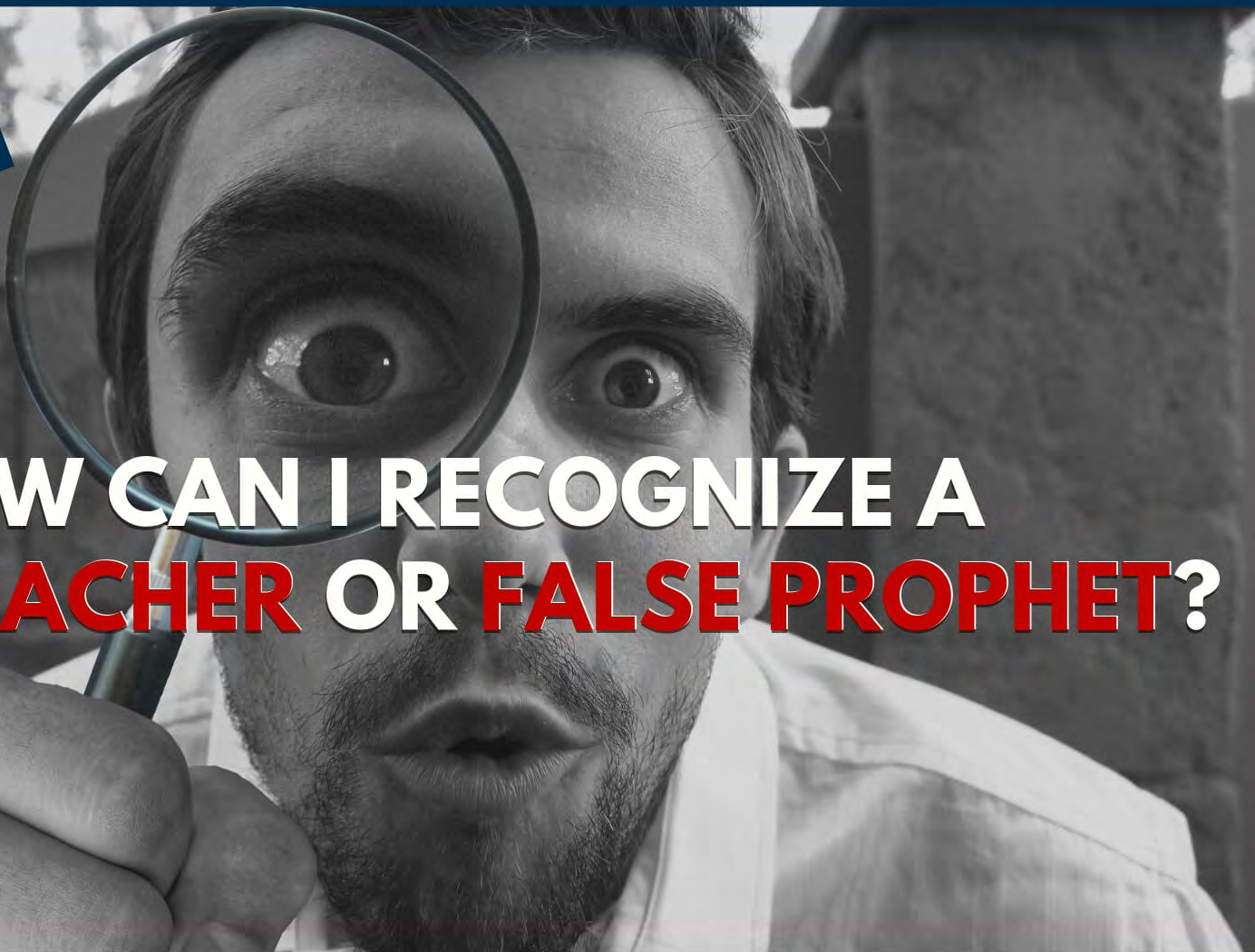
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Furthermore, the false teachers deny Christ as their Master by seeking to diminish His nature and attributes. They deny His humanity or deity (or both). They deny that He is the promised Messiah. They deny His promised return to punish His enemies and to reward the righteous. They deny His death and physical resurrection. They deny the sacrificial atonement which He accomplished at Calvary...

You see, there are many Jesus' proclaimed today. There is Jesus the liberator and Jesus the revolutionary. There is Jesus the teacher and Jesus the example. There is Jesus the healer and Jesus the burden-bearer. [People who want to justify their sin] point to "an unconditionally accepting Jesus," seeking to show that Jesus is on their side. Even the demons are willing to accept certain aspects of our Lord's identity, but not His authority.

66 We want to have “Jesus the way we like to think of Him.” We would rather conform Jesus to our views and values than have Him transform ours. In his early days as a disciple, Peter believed in Messiah, but he wanted nothing to do with a suffering Savior. The Jewish religious leaders, along with the nation Israel, also looked for the coming “Messiah.” But it was not the Messiah the prophets described. So they rejected the true Jesus, because He was not their kind of Messiah. He was the wrong Jesus, and they liked their kind of Messiah better.



A photograph of a sheep and two lambs in a green field. The sheep on the left is standing on its hind legs with its mouth wide open, as if barking or howling. Two smaller lambs stand to its right, looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green field.

Were these false teachers  
once in the church?

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Logo of *The Campaign for Collective Apostasy* in Spain, calling for defection from the Catholic Church

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# Apostasy Definition:

Turning against God, as evidenced by abandonment and repudiation of former beliefs. The term generally refers to a deliberate renouncing of the faith by a once sincere believer rather than a state of ignorance or mistaken knowledge.

Apostasy is distinguished from heresy (denial of a part of the faith), and from transfer of allegiance from one religious body to another within the same faith. Also, it is possible to deny the faith, as Peter once did, and then at a later time reaffirm it.

~ James D. Price and Luder G. Whitlock Jr., "Apostasy," *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 130.

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<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

The “rigorism” expressed in these texts became an important and debated point in the first centuries of the church. Many early Christian teachers went to the extreme of arguing that *any* sin committed after baptism could not receive forgiveness. It was for this reason that some early Christians, such as the Emperor Constantine, waited to be baptized until they were on their deathbeds. Other early theologians insisted that it was only certain sins that could not be forgiven after baptism...

66 Sensitive believers and even unbelievers are often disturbed by this denial of the possibility of forgiveness. I recently received a telephone call from a man who was in great distress because he thought he had committed the “unpardonable sin.” Some years ago, he had been exposed to the gospel. He had begun to sense the Lord’s reality and goodness, but he decided to reject the message. He now found himself unable to believe and feared that God would never accept him. I responded with Calvin’s wise comfort: The very fact that someone is worried about having committed the unpardonable sin shows that he or she has not. Such concern and desire to believe suggests that the Holy Spirit, far from abandoning this person, is still at work in his or her life...

“To be sure, I am inclined to think that eternal damnation is not a real threat for the Christian. But the danger is that such a theological position will lead to smug satisfaction, a presumption on God’s grace. Belief in eternal security must not lead to unconcern about holiness of life. We may believe that God promises to preserve his saints to the end, but we must also recognize that it is in that very perseverance that the saints are recognized (see Heb. 3:6, 14).

~ Douglas J. Moo, *2 Peter, Jude*, The NIV Application Commentary  
(Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 156-157.

# Gospel Application

*“Live with confidence and yet, fear the weeds”*