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**Don’t Be Duped!**

2 Peter 2:1-10a

Of all the products peddled in the counterfeit market there is none more dangerous than counterfeit truth.

That is why Peter gave the believers three things to remember:

1. **Warning re: false teachers – *“It’s not if, but when…”*** (vs.1-3)

-false teachers = people who…

- “traffic religious things but without authentic faith” (Charles Swindoll) cf. 2 Cor. 11:13-15, Matt. 7:15-20)

-secretly introduce destructive heresies (vs. 1), openly deny Christ in their teachings (vs. 1), live according to the desires of their flesh (vs. 2), are clearly not motivated by the love of truth (vs. 3)

Application:

1. **Reminder re: false teachers – *“their destruction is inevitable”*** (vs. 3b-10a)

-God’s judgement against all liars has been set in eternity past, has been carried out in the past, is still active and will come to full completion. (Prov. 19:5, 9, Rev. 21: 8)

-“if so… (vs. 4, 5, 6, and 9) – “then the Lord…” (vs. 9)

Application:

1. **Promise re: the godly – *“they will be rescued”*** (vs. 9)

-e.g. Noah (vs. 5) and Lot (vs. 7)

-Vs. 4-10a illustrate God’s certain judgment and his certain compassion.

- Certain judgment – because He is holy and just, the ungodly will be judged and face His wrath (vs. 4, Rev. 20: 11-15)

-Certain compassion – because He is holy and faithful, the godly will be rescued from His wrath (1 Thess. 5: 9, 10)

Application: