

# Bethel Bible Series

## False Teaching

### New Testament Week 18

#### Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Identify some obstacles and side paths that interfere with our walk on the narrow road.

#### Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

### Review of Last Week - 1 Peter

#### Peter

Brought to Jesus by brother Andrew; Named Peter, Cephas (rock)  
From Bethsaida; Married; Partner in fishing business with James & John  
Walked on water; With Jesus at Transfiguration; Prepared for Last Supper  
Feet washed by Jesus; Used sword at Jesus' arrest; Denied Jesus 3 times  
Ran to see the empty tomb; Reinstated by Jesus after resurrection  
Led believers; Proposed replacing Judas; Gave Pentecost speech  
Healed crippled beggar; Witnessed to onlookers; Arrested by Sanhedrin  
Condemned Ananias & Sapphira for lying to the church; Witnessed to Samaria  
Baptized first Gentile; Freed from prison by angel on eve of execution  
Argued against circumcising Gentiles; Opposed by Paul for avoiding Gentiles

#### Background of Peter's First Letter

To Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia & Bithynia  
From *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ*, a fisherman helped by Silas  
Written in Babylon (code name for Rome); Mark was present

#### Nero's Persecution (64-67 AD)

64 AD - Nero set fire to Rome to be able to rebuild a new and grander Rome  
Nero blamed Christians; had them arrested, tortured & killed  
Crucified, thrown to lions or dogs, burned at the stake  
Tradition says that Peter & Paul were arrested & brought to Rome as criminals  
Silas took letter and word of Paul's death; Peter later crucified upside-down

#### 1 Peter

##### *Discarded Dark Garment*

*Be aliens in the world ... you have spent enough time doing as the pagans*

##### *Figure Wears Light Garment*

*He has given us new birth into a living hope ... of imperishable seed*

##### *Narrow Road With Obstacles*

*Obedience to Christ implies denial of self*

##### *Dark Forest*

*The devil prowls looking for someone to devour. Resist him.*

##### *Burning Log*

*If you suffer as a Christian, praise God; your faith is proved genuine*

##### *Paths Leading off Road & Broken Tablets*

*Be self-controlled ... do not conform to evil desires*

##### *Shaft of Light*

*God gives gifts and strength; God will make you strong, firm & steadfast*

##### *Road Leads to Light*

*An inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade*

*Always be prepared to give an answer...for the hope you have*

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### Lesson - *False Teaching*

#### Backgrounds of Remaining New Testament Letters

##### Philippians

- . Philippians 1:1
- . Philippians 1:12-14
- . Philippians 4:14-18
- . Philippians 2:25-30

##### Colossians

- . Colossians 1:1-2
- . Colossians 4:3, 10, 18
- . Colossians 1:7-8
- . Colossians 4:7-9

##### Philemon

- . Philemon 1-2
- . Philemon 9-10
- . Philemon 10-16
- . Philemon 12, 17

##### James

- . James - Brother of Jesus; Overseer of Judean church
- . Written around 60 AD; Filled with words of guidance
- . James 1:1

##### 2 Peter

- . 2 Peter 1:1, 3:1
- . 2 Peter 1:13-15
- . 2 Peter 2

##### 1 John

- . John moved to Ephesus after destruction of Rome; Probably a tract ~ 90 AD
- . 1 John 2:26, 3:7

##### 2 John

- . Short enough to fit a single sheet of Papyrus
- . 2 John 1-2

##### 3 John

- . 3 John 1, 5

##### Jude

- . Jude 1
- . Jude 3-4

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Reversion - Lesson 10

*Figures Walking Away From Light*  
*Figures Stopped and Pointed Back to Light*  
*Three Scrolls*

*Scroll Over Dead Tree*

*Scroll Over Man in Pit*  
*Man in Pit*  
*Green Robe*  
*Scroll*  
*Stone Block*  
*Lamb*

*Scroll Over Second Man in Pit*  
*Scrolls in Arm*  
*Grain Sheaf in Arm*

Gnosticism

Dualism - Spirit and Body are two separate entities  
The material universe is inherently evil  
Created by an inferior being (the Old Testament Creator), not God  
The spiritual (immaterial) universe is good  
A spark of God exists in all living human bodies (spirit)

Since God is Spirit, he can have no contact with material mankind  
Hierarchy of angel intermediaries provides God/man interface

Since flesh is evil, man's spirit is suffocated from true spiritual values  
The spirit must be "awakened" by a special knowledge (*gnosis*)  
Those awakened will escape to the spirit realm at death

Asceticism - Subdue the flesh by self-denial, punishment and law-keeping  
Doing so will prompt the spirit-rulers to guide *gnosis* into the spirit

Sensuality - Actions of the body cannot affect the spirit within it  
Salvation is only a matter of the spirit, the body is irrelevant  
It is therefore okay to do whatever you want

Christ was a Phantom, a Man in Appearance Only  
God cannot co-exist with evil Flesh

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*Six Manuscripts  
Lamp and Smoke  
Figure's Face*

#### *Greek Column*

Colossians 1:28; 2:2-3  
Colossians 2:4, 8  
Colossians 2:9-10  
Colossians 2:16-17  
Colossians 2:18-23  
Colossians 1:9

#### *Battered Trumpet*

Jude 3  
Jude 4  
Jude 5-8, 11  
Jude 14-15  
Jude 20-23

2 Peter 2:1-3  
2 Peter 2:4-9  
2 Peter 2:10-12  
2 Peter 2:13, 21  
2 Peter 3:17-18

#### *Damaged Crib & Crown*

1 John 2:21-23  
2 John 9-11

1 John 4:1-3  
2 John 7

1 John 5:13  
2 John 8

#### *Dead Wreath*

James 2:14-19  
James 2:20-26  
James 3:13-17

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Sanctification*