

# Bible Study Series: How to Detect False Teachers

## “The Marks of False Teachers”- Part 4

### 2 Peter 2

#### Introduction:

1. False teachers are just as prevalent today as they were in Peter's day. In fact, Paul told us they would become increasingly **worse**. 2 Timothy 3:13
2. False teachers will appear as ministers of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:13-15), so how does the Christian identify a false teacher? What are the characteristics of a false teacher? 2 Peter 2 answers these questions.

**I. First mark of false teachers: They reject the sufficiency of Christ's work. vs. 1**

**II. Second mark of false teachers: They do not accept God's Word as the *final* and ultimate authority. vs 2**

**III. Third mark of false teachers: They may attract big *crowds* and have many followers. vs. 2**

**IV. Fourth mark of false teachers: They are full of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**vs. 3**

A. Jesus and His apostles were not affluent and wealthy men. God met their \_\_\_\_\_ as they ministered to others. cf. Matthew 10:8

B. The apostle Paul was a great example. 1 Thessalonians 2:9,  
2 Thessalonians 3:8, 1 Corinthians 9:18

- *“The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.”*

**Micah 3:11**

C. Who do these false teachers prey on? vs. 14

1. They prey on people who do not \_\_\_\_\_ their Bible.
2. This is why it is crucial that believers get \_\_\_\_\_  
and grounded in the truth of God's Word. Ephesians 4:14

**V. Fifth mark of false teachers: They deny the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_  
and judgment. vs. 3-9**

A. Peter uses three examples of God's judgment.

1. The fallen \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 4
2. The old \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 5
3. Sodom and Gomorrah. vs. 6

B. There are over \_\_\_\_\_ references to hell in the New Testament, with over  
\_\_\_\_\_ spoken by Jesus.

C. There are many things we learn about hell in Revelation 14:9-11.

1. Hell is a place of God's \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 10a
2. Hell is a place of torment and \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 10b
3. Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 10c
4. Hell is a place that's \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 11a
5. Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 11b

D. Why was hell created?

- *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."*

**Matthew 25:41**

- God doesn't want \_\_\_\_\_ to go to hell.

E. God, in His love, sent Jesus as our substitute to pay sin's price for us so we  
could escape God's \_\_\_\_\_, but if man rejects God's love he is  
\_\_\_\_\_ to incur God's judgment.