

Bible Study Series: How to Detect False Teachers

“The Marks of False Teachers”- Part 2

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**

- A. The Bible is God's final and complete Word of **truth**. John 17:17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 4:2,4, Titus 1:9,14
 - False teachers do not completely **deny** God's Word, but they add to it or take away from it.
- B. God is not dispensing any new revelation. God's Word is complete and final and is found in the Bible.
 1. We cannot add to God's **law**. Deuteronomy 4:2
 2. We cannot add to **prophecy**. Revelation 22:18-19
 3. We cannot add to **church**-age doctrine. Colossians 1:25
- C. How did Satan deceive Eve?
 1. He **questioned** God's Word. Genesis 3:1
 2. He **denied** God's Word. Genesis 3:4
 3. He **substituted** his own lie. Genesis 3:5