

# Bible Study Series: How to Detect False Teachers

## “The Marks of False Teachers”- Part 5

### 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 *greed*. vs. 3**

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

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

1. The fallen **angels**. vs. 4
2. The old **world**. vs. 5
3. Sodom and Gomorrah. vs. 6

B. There are over **162** references to hell in the New Testament, with over **70** 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 **wrath**. vs. 10a
2. Hell is a place of torment and **fire**. vs. 10b
3. Hell is a place of **rebellion**. vs. 10c
4. Hell is a place that's **eternal**. vs. 11a
5. Hell is a place of **weariness**. 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 **anyone** 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 **wrath**, but if man rejects God's love he is **choosing** to incur God's judgment.