



Terrorists in the Church: The Description, Danger and Doom of False Teachers (Part 10)

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2 Peter 2:17-22



15 Forsaking the right way they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the [son] of Basor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. **16** But he was rebuked for his own lawlessness: a dumb donkey, speaking with the voice of a man, restrained the insanity of the prophet.

17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the deep gloom of darkness has been reserved. **18** For by speaking arrogant, empty [words] they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error; **19** They promise them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person,

to this he is enslaved. **20** For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled and overcome by them, the last state has become worse for them than the first. **21** For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. **22** It has happened to them according to the true proverb: A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT, and, a sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mud.

— 2 Peter 2:15-22, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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III. The Character of False Teachers (10-22)

- A. They drink deeply at the well of sin (10a)
- B. They despise authority (10b)
- C. They are both bold and arrogant (10c-11)
- D. They are like unreasoning animals in their ignorance (12)
- E. They sin in broad daylight (13a)
- F. They are con-men in the fellowship of the saints (13b)
- G. They are driven by unlawful desires (14a)
- H. They are greedy (14b-16)

I. They are filled with empty boasting (17-18)

J. They promise freedom while they are slaves of corruption (19)

K. They evidence their apostasy by returning to their former ways (20-22)

1. As such they face a horrible judgment

Side-note: Can a true Christian become an apostate?