

DECEPTION – PART 2 (False Teaching)

2 Peter 2:1-3

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1. Because we all have personal biases, we must lean into God's Word for clarity, wisdom, and discernment.
2. **2:1** False theology is not based on biblical truth but is crafted to appear genuine (Colossians 2:8, 20–23; 2 Timothy 2:14–18).
3. **2:1** False teachers are never straightforward about their agendas, and the church body would never embrace them if their schemes were unmasked.
4. **2:1** Heresies are contrary to the gospel, meaning they damn rather than bring salvation.
5. **2:1** False teaching does not remove truth immediately; it simply weaves the false teachings alongside the truth and gives the impression that it follows the fundamentals of the faith. Before long, it removes the true doctrine and leaves the false doctrine in its place.
6. **2:1** The worst kind of deceptions claim to provide freedom but actually result in the complete opposite (2 Peter 2:17-19).
7. **2:1** False teachers regularly reject biblical authority (Jude 1:8; 2 Peter 2:10).
8. **2:1** The supreme blasphemy is that false teachers deny the sovereign lordship of Jesus (Proverbs 19:3; Exodus 5:2; Nehemiah 9:17).
9. Popularity is no proof of authenticity. Truth is not popular; Jesus said it was actually the opposite.
10. The greatest defense against false teaching is a local Bible church that knows and lives the Word of God.

