

The Order of Worship

Opening Song	O Worship the King
A Prayer of Praise	Highlight Attribute <i>Holiness</i>
Scripture Reading	II Peter 2:1-7
Congregational Song	Before the Throne
A Prayer for the Nations*	#12 Syria
Affirmation of Faith	
A Prayer for the Lost	
Congregational Song	Come Thou Almighty King
Sermon:	II Peter 2:1-3

Syria's continuing civil war has made the country a breeding ground for the persecution of Christians. The unrest, which was beginning to lessen, has been exacerbated by the economic crisis caused by COVID-19. Many Christians are still internally displaced or are refugees in other countries as a result of over a decade of war and rising Islamic extremism. In northern Syria, invasion by Turkish forces in late 2019 caused greater instability, and seems to have been used by some Islamic extremists as a cover for opportunities to target Christians.

In areas controlled by Islamic extremist groups, public expressions of Christianity are banned and most churches have been seized or destroyed. In government-controlled areas, this threat is less—but there are still abductions of young Christians, and Islamic dissidents, including ISIS militants, are still active.

Christians from a Muslim background are vulnerable to pressure from their family and communities, who perceive conversion from Islam as bringing dishonor.

Prayer Requests

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Announcements

- Homecoming Needs: Dressing, Turkey, Sides
- Volunteers to Oversee the Event

Nov	14 th	Farmer's Market
Nov	21 st	Homecoming
Dec	7 th	Believers @ the Johnson's Noon
Dec	18 th	Assemble Fruit Baskets
Dec	19 th	Deliver Fruit Baskets
Dec	19 th	Christmas Cookie Walk
Jan	4 th	Believer's Pot Luck @ Emory
Jan	16 th	Chili Lunch (Fundraiser)
Feb	1 st	Believers
Feb	13 th	Valentine Cookie Cake

Explorer's Bible Study

II Peter 2:1

Notice the first word in the second chapter, _____. Remember last week's emphasis was on the Word of God being made more sure than experience. This week we see why having an objective Word is so valuable. "False teacher arise when the church embraces the worldly culture around it, favoring entertainment and a man centered approach to ministry."

There were false teachers in the OT. While the Israelites had Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, they also had Zedekiah and others. Jeremiah reported that false prophets are callous toward the real needs of the people and primarily interested in personal popularity. That's not changed since those times.

Jesus warned in Matt 24 that false prophets would come and deceive many. Paul wrote to Timothy and said some would abandon the faith. Satan's major weapon is _____. He understands how to twist the truth just enough to serve his own objectives.

I. False Teachers and their Heresies

False teachers, according to Peter, will _____ in, under false pretenses and introduce _____ heresies. A heresy is something that is self willed, leading to _____. The kind of false teacher Peter

is warning about will not be heretical about all doctrine. What, then, will they teach?

II. False Teachers and their Denials

These false teachers will _____ the _____ who bought them. The word master here is where we get our English word despot. It means _____, ruler, Lord and implies supreme authority. A false teacher will deny the _____ Lordship of Jesus Christ. They not _____ do this but with their _____ they will.

The false teacher possibly could imply as well that a person can be a Christian while only giving a profession of faith. This is the ultimate denial of the Lordship of Christ. A mere profession without submission reveals an unrepentant heart. The false prophets in Jeremiah's day were saying "don't worry, God is a god of love, of peace, don't listen to Jeremiah, he's all about doom and gloom." A false prophet is fearful of offending anyone with the truth of the Word.

III. False Teachers and Destruction

The result of denying the Lordship of Christ is swift destruction.