2Thess #151

Religion, the Synagogue of Satan.

Open up today in 2Peter 2 RF.

I will be doing a short message about having a spirit of thanksgiving at the end of the message today.

Our current study is revolving around the negative Bel and the Unbel who become the distraction and sometimes the true demise of the growing Christian.

Within our anchor study of 2Thess 3:2 we noted the Apostle Paul highlights concerns about Unbels and negative Bels.

Again, I remind you that you need to be alert and awake to the fact that when you go south from the plan of GOD, you can become that stumbling block for others.

/There is always a negative effect for the growing Believer who remains intimate and connected to Unbelievers as well as cosmic ideology. It will destroy growth and momentum for any Believer. The negative Bel can do as much damage as an Unbel. Therefore, all Christians need to evaluate their inner circle. A negative Bel is defined as one who is beginning to backslide habitually. This leads to reversionism and eventually it can lead to apostasy. \

It almost always begins with some form of distraction or apathy toward BD.

When the Bel begins to peel away from truth, whether it be the physical schedule they normally have to study doctrine.

Or, they just feel apathy during the teaching and it begins to be a mental drain for them to pay attention – either scenario, it is a red flag!

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/Negative attitudes arise and eventually the backsliding begins. At some point the backsliding will lead to reversionism. The reversionistic Believer is negative toward doctrine, that negativity brings a vacuum of the soul, any vacuum will be filled at some point, now it is no long BD. The reversionistic Bel consistently begins to reject the rebound technique. It takes only a moment to recover from carnality by the use of rebound, but it can take years to recover from reversionism.\

The reversionistic Bel cannot be distinguished from the Unbeliever in mental attitude, motivation, and their lifestyle of modus operandi.

The Apostle Peter ends 2Peter chapter one, with the warning that true apostles and teachers do not get involved in false prophecy. He states, that the original followers were eyewitnesses and personal students under Christ!

Peter writes that they do not speak in tall tales and teach counterfeit doctrines.

They were the arbiters of the truth of Jesus Christ.

Keeping in mind this is the Apostle Peter who is well aware he is ready to go home to be with the LORD.

This is the last writing of Peter before he was crucified. Once you think about that, look at what his last thoughts and teaching revolved around.

The beginning of the chapter two points out false teachers and counterfeit systems of truth, because that is what eventually attracts many Bels.

Yet the whole chapter itself points out a huge problem in Christianity - which is negative Bels, reversionism. It was true in the early church and the Apostle Peter warns this is an ongoing issue.

/2Pet 2:1 But **false prophets** also appeared among the people, just as there **will also be false teachers among you**, who will **secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even **denying the Master who bought them**, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

Any variation and confusion introduced about the person and work of Jesus Christ is from the pit of hell.\

This is one reason to make sure you are being taught solid BD.

Notice the Apostle Peter is teaching a dogmatic statement of fact – AMONG the church and among the Bels these counterfeits will arise.

If the work of Christ falls short, even in a miniscule fashion. if the person of Jesus Christ is not taught precisely, starting with the Doctrine of the Hypostatic union – then you are learning about a false MESSIAH.

If the TLJC is not the center focus of the teaching and the accuracy of HIS word is not presented you may be learning about a counterfeit Christ.

If any angels, saints or anyone else is elevated to Christ-like status you are sitting under a false teacher.

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If HIS perfection and work are diminished even in the slightest, you are being tricked by Satan’s disciples.

/False prophets – *pseudoprophētēs,* One who falsely represents a divine perspective yet they act as divinely inspired, it is a false representation.

False teachers – *pseudodidaskalos,* One who presents teaching or stands as a master instructor and yet, they teach and present falsehoods and deception. \

SUE-DOS-AH-THAY-TACE, comes from a Greek root word meaning a liar, a falsehood.

SUE-DODD-DEE-DOS-CO-LOS, only used once in this fashion – again one of the root words means a liar or falsehood.

Both of these definitions point to someone who appears very legitimate.

/False teachers, false prophets are seeds of Satan and Jesus called them the devil’s disciples. Organized religion and those in leadership (Sanhedrin) were characterized as a Synagogue of Satan, by Jesus Christ. False teachers or prophets often come as the most respected, educated and best dressed people. They usually have very pleasing personalities or attractive personalities. Their deceptive teaching is not obvious from the facade of their slick speech, sweetness or sincerity.\

The most deceptive counterfeits look very similar to the original.

In fact, starting in the original garden Satan used truth woven with subtly lies to trick the first man and woman.

/[2Pe 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/2/s_1158002) **Many will follow** their indecent behavior, and because of them **the way of the truth will be maligned**;

The chapter begins with false teaching and the end result is seen at the end of the chapter – reversionistic Believers.\

Which we will be carrying this over into Sunday’s message, this is a good introduction into 2Peter 2.

Satan always has a counterfeit;

/There is a counterfeit gospel — 2Cor 11:3-4.

There are counterfeit ministers — 2Cor 11:13-15.

A counterfeit communion table — 1Cor 10:19-21.

A counterfeit system of spirituality — Gal 3:2-3. \

Satan is the originator of the counterfeit system.

/ A counterfeit righteousness — Matt 19:16-28.

A counterfeit modus operandi — Matthew 23.

A counterfeit system of power — 2Thess 2:8-10.

A counterfeit system of gods — 2Thess 2:3-4.\

The Apostle Peter is clearly teaching this began back then, after the early church began to gain momentum.

He is pointing out that it will go forward and even increase.

The lies, counterfeits and greed of false teachers and false prophets keep increasing.

[2Pe 2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/3/s_1158003) and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

The Apostle Peter is very aware that Satan and the fallen angels were worshipped as gods before the flood.

Peter knows about the birth and worship of the race of Nephilim.

What had transpired in the time of the apostles was a new version of the worship of false gods.

Over time Satan recognized religion as a system he could fool the world with, even Christians.

The Apostle Peter is teaching that ultimately we all face the consequences of our own free will decisions…even angels will answer for what they did.

Satan and the fallen angels became masters at the art of adapt and overcome.

They were here when Adam was created from the soil of the earth.

They adjust and regroup; they use new subtle angles of attack.

[/2Pe 2:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/4/s_1158004) For if **God did not spare angels when they sinned,** but cast them into hell and committed them to **pits of darkness, held for judgment;**

The angels who intermingled with human women and created a super-race, a hybrid of humanity, they are held on lock down.\

Showing us, angels are created creatures with a free will just as humanity is.

[2Pe 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/5/s_1158005) and did not spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

[2Pe 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/6/s_1158006) and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made *them* an example of what is coming for the ungodly;

[/2Pe 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/7/s_1158007) and *if* **He rescued righteous Lot**, *who was* oppressed by the perverted conduct of unscrupulous people

Lot is considered a loser Believer and yet he was rescued (raptured) before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.\

I think on that note - I would like to pivot to the coming Thanksgiving holiday.

I would like to close this message out today, first by telling all of you who truly support this ministry how grateful I am.

When I think about thanksgiving and a spirit of gratitude - it is very consistently on my consciousness that my gift does not continue to flourish if it is not supported.

Many of you have become closer to my wife and I then family members. We truly believe in the doctrine of Royal Family because we see it, we feel it and we live in it.

I thank all of you who stay consistent with my teaching and continue to support this ministry.

The second part of this is that I want all of us – as a body of Christ and as a RF -

To accept this holiday season, we are entering into as another time that we give all thanks over to GOD.

As a time that your ambassadorship can shine.

Looking backward whether it has been glorious or challenging these past 11 months, and give thanks to the ONE who created us.

Just as we closed 2Peter chapter 2 today, looking at the rescue of LOT, a man by all accounts who had gone far, far astray from the plan of GOD and yet he was protected, then rescued from the wrath to come.

/Psa 106:1 Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His mercy is everlasting.

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Knowing that on our worst day - amongst the noise and confusion of the cosmic system, HE looks upon you and I and sees one of HIS precious children.

GOD looks upon your position not your daily condition.

/1Chron 16:34 Give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good; For His faithfulness is everlasting.

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?\

How can we not have a spirit of gratitude if we truly know our Bible.

And if we truly know our Bible then we know our Triune God.

/Deu 31:8 “And the LORD is the One who is going ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not desert you or abandon you. Do not fear and do not be dismayed.”\

We have every reason to be grateful.

We are in union with TLJC and that alone should awaken true thanksgiving within us!

Perhaps this Thanksgiving Day, we can allow that attitude of gratitude spread to those around us.

Perhaps this holiday season will be the time we proclaim a simple and most powerful truth, to those we see only once or twice a year at family gatherings.

/Jhn 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.\

When you, as a born-again Bel embrace your eternal security, perhaps this will be the year to let down they petty barriers and family feuds and show everyone around you why you are so grateful;

/Jhn 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 “My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand. 30 “I and the Father are one.”\

Let this be the Thanksgiving that you reflect TLJC in your actions not just your words.

/Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful.

Phlp 4:5 Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all people. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.\

I ask that you say a prayer for all of our RF – for safety in holiday travel and also pray for opportunities that Christ be proclaimed to those around us.

HAPPY Thanksgiving Royal Family.