2Thess #152

Satan’s deceptions always entangle the unstable soul.

We will do the Lord’s Supper at the end of this message.

As we open back up where we left off in 2Peter chapter 2, we need a quick recap on not only the teaching of the Apostle Peter, but also our anchor study of 2Thessalonians chapter 3.

/*2Thes 3:2 and that we will be rescued from troublesome (negative Bels) and evil people (Unbels); for not all have the faith.*

The Apostle Paul was well aware of groups like the Gnostics, as well as random false prophets or counterfeit apostles were becoming distractions for the early church.\

Many Bels would peel away and follow the lies and counterfeit systems developing all around the landscape.

On his death bed the Apostle Peter also is teaching on the exact same subject matter.

The Apostle Paul had even experienced born again Believers, who were once under his ministry and now had turned against him.

The Apostle Peter also had begun to see this dangerous trend and this is why he used his last efforts, to teach about this exact problem that was increasing in the early church.

/In 2Peter 2, the lesson progresses from the root of the problem; false teachers and false prophets (verses 1 - 3), into historic events of Bels being led astray by fallen angels and yet God’s protection is always there (verses 4 - 8). The Apostle Peter is referencing the systems of evil, worship or religion all designed by Satan. Warning us that it is new gimmicks and idols, yet the same old counterfeit system.\

Sodom and Gomorrah were mentioned here, because that whole region was a playground of satanic influence.

2Pet 2:7 and *if* He rescued Lot, *who* *was* oppressed by the perverted conduct of unscrupulous people

[2Pe 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/8/s_1158008) (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

Keeping in mind LOT had righteousness within his soul – he was a Believer! Yet he failed miserably and is remembered as a loser Believer.

Lot’s bloodline would go forward as enemies of Israel.

[/2Pe 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/9/s_1158009) *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from a trial, and to **keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment**,

This speaks to holding compartments deep within the earth, possibly under our oceans for fallen angels. Which means, Unbels are also held for final judgement.\

We know this because the Bible tells us this exact fact - about places like the Abyss, Tartarus or even the term Hell, is not the final Lake of Fire as we know it.

The Lake of Fire is currently empty.

[/2Pe 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/10/s_1158010) and **especially those who indulge the flesh** in *its* corrupt passion, and **despise authority**. **Reckless, self-centered**, they speak abusively of *angelic* majesties without trembling,

These are the seeds of Satan and Unbels who are pawns of fallen angels. They are driven by darkness and lust patterns.\

Yet these types people often find a way to the top of many of the structures within Satan’s cosmic system.

They only respect the office of authority if it is held by them or someone with the same ungodly agenda.

They are driven by the OSN and are often possessed by demonic entities.

The original language looks much more like this;

/*2Pet 2:10 And chiefly those whom walk after the flesh, in the lust of uncleanliness, and despise government, which are bold and stand in their own conceit, and fear not to speak evil against dignity.*

They are adamantly opposed to the truth of scripture and anything that is designed by the virtue of GOD is a target for their venom.\

There are apostate Bels who can fall under this category on some occasions as well.

Yet the bulk of the message at this point is the concern for Bels who fall into the counterfeit traps of Christianity.

They become the victims of false teachers and those who engage in the synagogue of Satan.

[2Pe 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/11/s_1158011) whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a demeaning judgment against them before the Lord.

God is the final judge and jury – even the most powerful angel - Micheal, is not foolish enough to act as a judge or jury for anyone, even the most wicked among us.

Which should teach us, to tread very lightly concerning how we attempt to act as judge and jury over other people.

Monitor and police your own walk with GOD – do not become the expert fruit inspector of others.

/Many false teachers display an antagonistic attitude toward true Biblical authority. They often kick against some areas of divine establishment. They usually substitute the teaching of it with emotional love principles, social justice or the popular ideology of the day. They preach a new age, freedom and love gospel, leaning toward internationalism, as well as antiwar rhetoric. When these false teachers infect the culture, leadership follows and they begin to run every facet of the country. The nation disintegrates in the areas of education, military might, true freedom, common laws and respect for authority.\

You will notice this by the attitudes of the youth and those within the middle-age groups. Because they will lack any Christian values as well as manners, respect for authority and patriotism.

The age group between 16 years old and 46 years old will be very similar, in the realm of respect, education and ideologies.

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The only example I can give…and I am not being sarcastic - but it is America.

Church Age, false teachers are described under two categories which are based upon the trends of the old sin nature: the trend toward asceticism and the trend toward lasciviousness.

Meaning your either have the self- righteous, religious zealots as teachers. Or the free love, new age teacher where everything and anything goes.

**/**[2Pe 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/12/s_1158012) But these, **like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct** to be captured and killed, **using abusive speech**(*blasphēmeō*) **where** **they have no knowledge**, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

They were born with an OSN as we all are, yet they have only embraced it and grown into it, not rejected it and turned to Christ. Their message is continually against the Mind of Christ.\

BLAS-FAH-MAYO, written in the Greek present tense, they keep on speaking out in falsehoods, counterfeits and deception against the truth. They have no knowledge of accurate scripture.

It doesn’t matter if it is the legalistic teacher or the new-age guru, type of teacher – both preach a different gospel then what we know to be true.

They are slaves to the OSN and the cosmic system is their dwelling place.

 Therefore, no matter how kind, compassionate or educated they are, as teachers, they are direct pawns of Satan.

The age-old saying of – *as goes the church, so goes the nation,* is incredibly precise and history proves this.

The interesting principle here, is the shift we see into the next two verses. Which points out a deliberate evil, not just a foolishness and ignorance.

You see there are Unbels that are useful idiots in the cosmic system.

Truthfully, many Christians are useful idiots for the plan of Satan as well.

But then, there are those who we can label as satanist or Luciferians – seeds of Satan, and in the next few verses that is what is strongly suggested.

Keeping in mind the focus is on leadership – pastors, priests, spiritual gurus and denominational leadership.

[/2Pe 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/13/s_1158013) suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. **They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime**. They are stains and blemishes, **reveling in their deceptions as they feast with you**,

They are very keen on displays of human works (gestures and soothing words) which are very attractive and seen by many.\

This coincides with one recent study we just finished, on human good - compared to divine good.

/*2Pet 2:13 - to revel in the daytime* -

*Tryphē,* to put forth attractive, soft or a luxurious approach and appearance within actions, deeds, words and attitudes. To do so in daytime, means in the sight of many.\

THRU-FAY, is a very soft and attractive appearance, one definition is effeminate.

Notice – they revel in their deceptions as they feast with you. This is a form of fellowship or intimacy.

Actually, part of what you and I are doing right now is one form of fellowship.

We are feasting on the mind of Christ and we are becoming intimate in our thoughts and our own personal, spiritual discernment.

We are finding comfort within the word and yet if that word is false and twisted your comfort is not with Christ.

 REPEAT

You are instead making a home and a dwelling place and allowing intimacy of the soul with satanic ideologies.

***They feast***, is written as a present passive participle — *syneuōcheomai (SOON-YAH-KAY-AH)*, which means to be entertained lavishly, continually presenting this deception.

/The original language suggests –

2Pet 2:13 - These types of religious leaders are highly attractive, soft and persuasive in words and actions. They find comfort in deception, and enjoy the art of intimacy with others by using delicious lies.\

This is often a touchy subject matter for those who still attend certain denominational churches. Or for those who follow teachers and spiritual leaders who are very popular, yet their messages are nothing more than rock concerts or motivational speaking, mixed with fluffy stories.

The message the Apostle Peter is clearly teaching on his deathbed, is that the message of Christ will be hijacked and counterfeited from that point forward.

It is imperative to truly study your Bible with a cautious attitude of seeking the truth and discerning the deceptions.

There is a reason we are given the gift of pastor-teacher in the Church age.

[/2Pet 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/14/s_1158014) having **eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin**, enticing **unstable souls**, having hearts trained in greed, accursed children;

The eyes reflect the soul – these are people who deep within their soul structure, are lacking discipline and reject the principles and establishments of GOD. Their lust patterns are covered by an attractive appearance and they will infect the souls of unstable (Bels & Unbels) people.\

Instability in the soul is detrimental for the Bel.

[2Pe 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/15/s_1158015) abandoning the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the reward of unrighteousness;

At this point in my studies, I realized that God the HS wants to expand on this current study - so we will get ready to prepare for the Lord’s Supper.

Our study into 2Peter chapter two will continue on Tuesday.

/When the Christian finally realizes the importance of not only finding the right spouse and the right intimate circle of friends, they should also be well aware of having the right pastor-teacher. Because these are the relationships that will help determine spiritual growth and truly finishing the course GOD gave them to follow. \

I will remind you TLJC has given us all spiritual gifts and powers to succeed.

We simply must take the grace gift of free will and apply it and take full responsibility for our walk.

Eph 4:11 tells us Jesus gave us – *some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors & teachers,*

Within the gospel of John chapters 14 & 15 TLJC explicitly told us HE has given us a HELPER.

Jesus told us - *“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever;*

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.*

TLJC gave us HIS very mind, a love letter of great intimacy -

/1Cor 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

Deu 4:2 “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I am commanding you.\

If you do not take responsibility and take advantage of all that was given to you, then in the end you will have no one to blame but the person in the mirror.

The warnings are clear and many within scripture to not be fooled by false teaching.

/Deu 12:32 Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take *anything* away from it.

Prov 30:6 Do not add to His words Or He will rebuke you, and you will be proved a liar.\

The completed cannon of scripture is one the greatest gifts given to mankind after the saving work upon the cross.

/Rev 22:18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.\

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us everything we need to walk in a world set against us, HE gave it all truly from eternity past.

Then HE gave HIMSELF up for all mankind – HE allowed HIMSELF to be beaten - abused and humiliated, then nailed to a wooden cross and put on display for of us.

Paying the price we could never pay - for a debt we all owed.

There is nothing the person and work of Jesus Christ failed to give us.

We should always have an attitude of gratitude toward our Lord and Savior.

We should always bring HIM into remembrance every day…today we will do so, as we reflect upon those precious moments at the Last Supper.

Now while they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ let us eat the bread.

After that - He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood, the blood of a new and everlasting covenant, for each time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you shall bring ME into remembrance until I return…

Let us drink the cup.

Let us pray….amen.