

## The Truth

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

2 Peter 2:1-3, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

The truth is the way of the Christian. Jesus said, "I am truth." Everyone who claims to be a Christian may not be one. This scripture speaks of those who were false professors. Some are, and know that they are false, but don't care. Some may be in error and think that they are doing alright when they are doing what they want to do. A person may

mean well but still be wrong. However, this speaks of those who know they are wrong and refuse to change.

Almost from the beginning, false teachers have been around. What do they hope to gain when they know that they are rebelling against God? Is it pride to think that they can get people to do as they want them too? They don't fear to deny the Lord and to substitute their own commandments. There are false teachers today who mock doctrines of the Bible and teach their own way. Those who are called by God to teach or preach will honor God and will lead others to do so, as well.

People are always looking for an easier way in every aspect of life. Quicker, easier, and anything that appeals to the flesh are sought after by a lot of folks. Many of us have learned the hard way that cheaper, easier and such things are not good in the long run; Not in the material world or in the spiritual either. Still many follow the ways of the false teachers and verse 2 tells of one of the results.

People see those who profess to be Christians doing sinful

things and they think that there is nothing to Christianity. In visiting homes and inviting people to church I have had several tell me of someone who went to church and did evil things. It is a shame that they who do such things are fooling themselves and that they also may cause someone else to be lost. Sometimes it is a family member that won't go to church because they live with someone whom they know isn't doing right.

As a Christian, and as a minister, I am bothered by those I have seen who don't seem to take their profession of faith seriously. First, let me say that, we all make mistakes. I know that there are those who act like they don't but they only fool themselves. When people don't have an interest in the Bible, come only occasionally, and never seem to try to do any better I am concerned for them.

Christians are a witness for the Lord. We can be a good witness or a bad one, but if we profess to be a Christian, we are a witness. Let us live so that we are a help and not a hindrance to those who need to be saved.

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WHO IS THE LORD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIM? I OBEY THE GODS OF EGYPT! I KNOW NOT THE LORD, NEITHER WILL I LET ISRAEL GO!

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