

“The Local Church and False Prophets/Teachers”

2 Peter 2:1; Misc.

A Study of 2 Peter and Jude

Theme: The devil sows tares among the wheat. His desire is to choke out the Word of God.

Outline:

- I. Falsehood comes sugar coated - How false prophets operate
 - A. False prophets are among us (Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:29; 2 Peter 2:1)
 - B. False prophets are ever present (“will arise” Matt. 24:11; 1 John 4:1).
 - C. False prophets are attractive (“signs and wonders” (Matt. 7:21-23; 24:24; Acts 20:30; 1 Tim. 4:1)
 - D. False prophets arrive underhandedly (Gal. 2:4, ‘secretly brought in;’ 2 Peter 2:1; Jude 4).
 - E. False prophets are destructive (Acts 20:29)
- II. Falsehood contains toxins - How we identify them
 - A. They speak perverse things (Acts 20:30)
 - B. They abandon the local church and her authority (Acts 20:30; 1 John 2:18, 19)
 - C. They can be highly disciplined (1 Tim. 4:3) or grossly debased (2 Peter 2).
 - D. They bring in bondage (Gal. 2:4; 2 Peter 2:19, 20).
 - E. They turn the grace of God into moral debauchery (Jude 4).
 - F. They deny the incarnation and deity of Jesus Christ (1 John 2:22; 4:3; 2 John 7).
- III. Falsehood must be countered - What we are to do
 - A. Beware of the false prophet (Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:28; 2 Tim. 4:14, 15).
 - B. Test the spirits (1 John 4:1).
 - C. Reject the factious (Titus 3:9-11).

Shepherding the Sheep (What is the NEXT STEP)

1. Learn to know the truth.
2. Learn to reject the error.
3. Be a part of the local church for the promotion of the truth and its defense.

Waukesha Bible Church is a family of families seeking to live in **the Storyline of the Bible**. She is determined by design to have a **God-centered, Christ-exalting worship; a Word-centered teaching** focused on personal **discipleship** through intentional and systematic instruction; a **Global-impacting mission** that resolves to be a **church planting church**; and a **Grace-based fellowship** where disciples are invited to live under a **reigning grace** characterized by a **Gospel-driven sanctification** that celebrates a divine **monergism** to the Christian life.