

Stand Fast

2 Peter 2:4-10 / Rescue & Punishment
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I. The Danger...false teachers (2:1-3)

- a. Working in darkness
- b. Seeking to destroy
- c. Promoting sensuality
- d. Exploiting people
- e. Telling lies

II. The Whip...God judges (2:4-8, 10)

- a. He judged the angels
- b. He judged the ancient world
- c. He judged Sodom and Gomorrah

III. The Carrot (Ice Cream)...God rescues the godly (2:9)

- a. God knows how to rescue the godly
- b. He rescued Noah
- c. He delivered 'righteous Lot'

KNOW: There are false teachers among you. Their desire is to throw off the authority of God and pursue greed, lusts, and power, but God will judge them. He has shown this pattern in the past, and He will certainly do it in the future.

DO: "Be diligent to confirm our calling and election" (2 Peter 1:10) in your practices and in your doctrine that you may "enter into the eternal kingdom of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:11).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read 2 Peter 2:4-10

1. What are the difficulties in identifying false teachers?
2. In what ways would this text have been encouraging to Peter's audience, and in what ways would it have been hard to hear?
3. Why is the concept of eternal judgment so hard for us to hear? What purposes do the warning passages serve?
4. Why are we so hesitant sometimes to preach the fear of God and the reality of judgment? How often do you consider these things in your day-to-day life? What is the value for the Christian in pondering them?
5. Are you 'tormented' at the wickedness in our culture? In what ways do you feel that you have become numb to it? How can you promote sensitivity to it so that you are continually grieved by it?
6. How can Lot or any of us be considered righteous? Where does our deliverance actually lie? What is the gospel?