

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN
II PETER 2:21-22

Introduction:

- A. The Lord stated an eternal truth.
 - 1. John 3:3-7.
 - 2. No matter what anyone does, unless they are born again they are not saved.

- B. The people under discussion.
 - 1. False teachers. v1

- C. Are they saved or unsaved?
 - 1. Their character and their fruits.
 - 2. I do not believe these were saved.
 - 3. They are the wolves in sheep clothing.

- D. Objections answered.
 - 1. "even denying the Lord that bought them."
 - a. The Lord paid for everyone's sins.
 - b. "taketh away the sin of the world."
 - 2. "escaped the pollutions..." v20
 - a. They were intellectual followers, they had turned over a new leaf, they had "escaped" the pollutions of the world, but not their own hearts.

- E. Evidence offered.
 - 1. They are like the angels that sinned.
 - 2. They are like the world of Noah. v5
 - 3. They are like Sodom and Gomorrha.
 - 4. They are "cursed children". v14
 - 5. They are unchanged. v22

I. THEIR LATTER END IS WORSE THAN THE BEGINNING.

- A. "for if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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1. pollutions = staining, dying, a coloring
2. epignosko = full-knowledge.

B. "they are again entangled therein, and overcome"

1. entangled to braid in, to interweave.
2. To ensnare as an animal in a net.

C. "the latter end is worse with them than the beginning"

1. Drunkard who starts again.
2. Parable of house swept and garnished.
3. Matt. 12:43-45.

II. GOD WILL JUDGE ACCORDING TO LIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY. V21

A. These people knew the truth.

1. Knew the way of righteousness.
2. Not experientially, but intellectually.

B. They knew the holy commandment.

1. "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, with all thy body."

III. WE CANNOT CHANGE OURSELVES. V22

A. Dog is a dog, returning to vomit is proof.

1. "can the leopard change his spots?"
2. "can the Ethiopian change his color?"

B. Sow is a sow, returning to wallowing is proof.

1. Proof of a persons nature is in their actions.
2. Faith and works.