

Sermon Study Guide –

2 Peter 2:17-22

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Title: **“Empty Wells”**

Sermon Idea: Avoid teaching that offers heaven but delivers hell.

Key Points:

1. The false teachers offer much and deliver nothing. (vv.17-19)
2. People who turn away from following Jesus embrace their former corruption. (vv.20--22)

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that the false teachers offer more than they deliver, which, is nothing, and that their debased way of life is enslaving and ultimately leads to eternal destruction.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) know and hold on to the essentials of the faith, (2) identify and avoid “cheap grace,” (3) confess any known sin or blockages in their heart.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need for avoiding walking the way of false teaching.

Recommended Resources: *“Strange New World,”* Carl Trueman; *“Another Gospel,”* Alisa Childers

Intro: Have you ever bought or sought something that didn’t deliver what it promised? What was the result?

Dig:

Day 1: 2 Peter 2:17-22 continues Peter’s tirade against the false teachers. What did the false teachers offer? How is this offer hurtful instead of helpful?

Day 2: Jeremiah 2:13 declares that God’s people will often seek “broken cisterns” instead of God, “the spring of living water.” What are some examples of “broken cisterns/empty wells?” Why are these broken/empty?

Day 3: Romans 6:1-2 describes “cheap grace.” What is it and why is it incompatible with the gospel?

Day 4: 1 John 2:18-23 talks about false teachers as well. Did they seem like real believers? What does John say about them? What makes them false teachers?

Day 5: Skim John 4:1-26. What does Jesus mean that He can give living water? How does Jesus show that this is true?

Apply:

- Study the Bible deeply; study the theology of historic Christianity to solidify your faith.
- Define “cheap grace.” Where in your life might you be taking advantage of the grace of God?
- Ask yourself: Am I experiencing the living water of abundant life? If not, why not? What “boulders” might be stopping up the stream of living water in your heart/mind?

Pray: Lord Jesus, you are the fount of living water. Only in You can I find true life and joy and peace. Help me to pull out any “boulders” that might be hindering the flow of Your life in my soul. Thank You for forgiving any confessions I make and for being so gracious to me. Amen!
