A photograph of two people kayaking on a river. The foreground shows the front of a dark grey kayak with blue ropes. In the middle ground, a person in a blue shirt is paddling an orange kayak. The water is dark with white foam from rapids. The text "Things don't always deliver what they say they will!" is overlaid on a semi-transparent grey box in the center-right of the image.

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Living in a Chaotic World



1 & 2 PETER





What empty well are you
drawing from?

Empty Wells

“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Jeremiah 2:13





What are examples of
“empty wells?”

Swollen Words

“Error, indeed, is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the inexperienced more true than the truth itself.”

Irenaeus, “Against Heresies,” 2nd Century

“Cheap Grace”

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”

Romans 6:1-2



True Freedom

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”

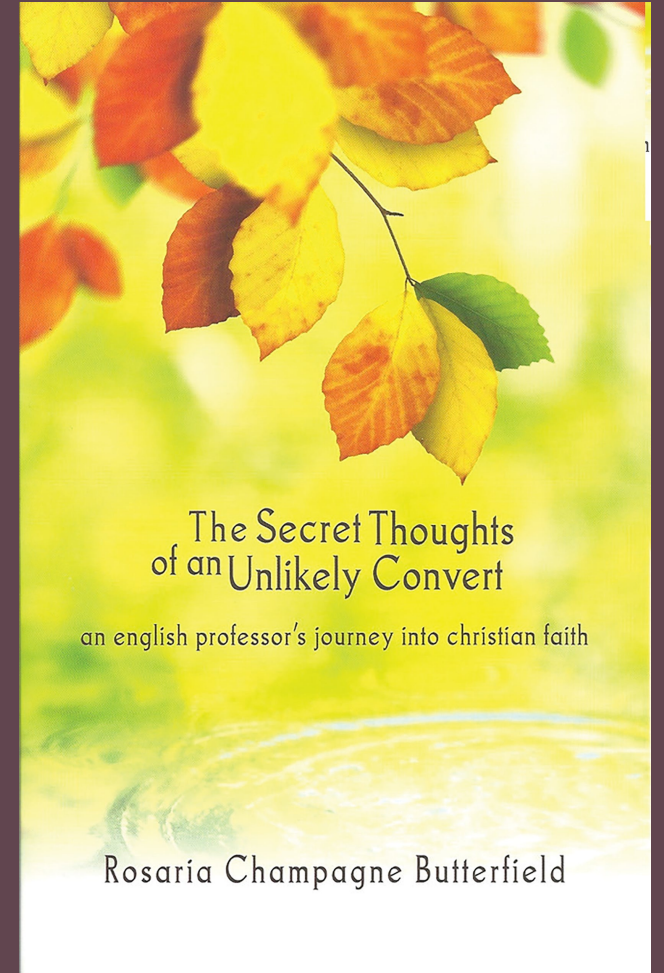
Galatians 5:13



	False Freedom	True Freedom
Definition	Unbridled self-expression	Spirit-led self-control
Motto	“If it feels right, do it!”	“If it is right, do it!”
Focus	Self	Others/God
Reflects	Human sinful nature	God’s image
Speech	Amoral; crude and cruel	Eph. 4 – build up others
Modesty	Repressive of self-express	1 Tim. 2 – focus on God
Identity	Found within self	Found within Jesus



Rosaria Butterfield





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Who is “They” in Verses 20-22?

1. **The new ones who are being deceived:** these verses would then be a warning to them of the serious consequences of following this path.
2. **The false teachers:** these verses would be a final denunciation of them.



Knowing

ἐπίγνωσις

epignosis

“Personal recognition — coming to understand something clearly and distinctly or as true and valid; often with a personal acquaintance that necessitates a positive or negative reaction.”

Logos Bible Lexicon

Used in 2 Peter 1:2,3,8 to refer to personal knowledge of Jesus

Staying True to One's Nature (Dog/Pig)

“[This passage] portrays the person who has a religious ‘profession’ or outward change without a regenerating inner change that affects his nature. Such a person soon reverts to his true nature.”

Edwin Blum, *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Vol.12*



Assurance of Salvation

“This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Peter 1:4-5





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THINK YOU KNOW HIM? LOOK AGAIN...



Come to the
Living Well!



Remove the boulders!

- Bitterness
- Unforgiveness
- Unconfessed sin
- Worldliness
- Idolatry
- Lust
- Anger
- Pride
- Other