

Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2011  
The Second of Peter  
Part Seven  
Study Questions

1). 2Pe 2:10 ¶ *and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.*

a). In what two ways can an attitude towards God's authority be characterized as apostasy?

b). What have we learned from 1 Peter about how we should relate to God's authority, even when it is difficult to do so?

2). 2Pe 2:12 *But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption*

a). What comparison do the words 'But these' introduce for us?

b). In what way are the false teachers 'like natural brute beasts'?

c). What would it mean for the false teachers to 'speak evil of the things they do not understand'? And what would be the obvious example of this from that which we have previously studied?

d). What does it mean that they 'will utterly perish in their own corruption'?

e). What scripture would we have to help us understand this?

f). What parallel do we find with this in the gospels?

3). *13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime.*

a). What does the scripture say about what each person will receive at the Judgment Seat?

b). What do the wages of the faithful Christian look like and what scripture do we have that describes this?

c). How should we understand Matthew 6:33 in the light of this?

d). What do the wages of the unfaithful Christian look like?

e). Describe the difference between the faithful and the unfaithful Christian in respect of this.

4). 2Pe 2:13 .....*They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,*

a). Where do we find the companion scripture to this in Jude?

b). What further information is given to us in the second half of v13 and Jude ?

c). How should we understand this in the natural and the spiritual within the historical context?

d). How would this carry over into our own time?

e). How are those called 'spots' described in Philippians Chapter 3?

5). *14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.*

a). What does it mean that they have eyes full of adultery?

b). Why can't they cease from sin?

c). What does it literally mean to entice 'unstable souls' and what do you think this would look like in practice?

d). How is this process described in 2 Timothy?

e). What does it mean that they are 'accursed children'?

6). *2Pe 2:15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness*

a). Where is the companion scripture in Jude?

b). What additional information is given to us in Jude?

c). According to Peter and confirmed in Jude, what have the apostates done?

d). What scripture from the OT written about Israel describes perfectly the actions of the apostates?

e). Would every apostate individually go in ‘the way of Cain’, ‘the error of Balaam’ and ‘the rebellion of Korah’?

f). What is the key verse in all of scripture with regards to faith?

7). Heb 11:4 ¶ *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*

a). What does this verse teach us about Cain and Abel?

b). So how are we to understand ‘following the way of Cain’?

c). How does Proverbs 16:25 describe this?

d). What have those who follow ‘the way of Cain’ failed to realize or chosen to ignore?

e). Would following ‘the way of Cain’ necessarily appear to be a bad thing even within the context of Christendom?

f). What would this look like within Christianity and why isn’t it recognized for what it is?

g). Why is ‘the way of Cain’ so tempting within a ‘church’ setting?

h). What is the only scriptural means by which we can avoid going in ‘the way of Cain’?

i). Why can this appear difficult and unattractive?

