

6. **Empty Promises (V19)** “While they \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_, they themselves are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” This is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Paul said: (Rom 6:16) “Know ye not, that to whom ye \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, his servants ye are to \_\_\_\_\_ ye \_\_\_\_\_.” This follows because “for of whom a man is \_\_\_\_\_, of the same is he \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.” These apostate seducers were saying, “You don’t have to do this,” or, “You aren’t bound by Christ to have to do that,” all the while being themselves enslaved to the blackest passions of fleshly immorality. The word “*overcome*” is from the GK *hēitao* meaning *to make worse, to rate lower—be inferior, overcome*.
7. **The Latter End (V20)** “For if after they have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...” These are ones in “the world” who obeyed the gospel and were baptized into Christ. But, after a time, due to seducing doctrines and lack of faith, “are again \_\_\_\_\_ therein, and \_\_\_\_\_, the latter \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with them than the \_\_\_\_\_.” Some Bible commentators equate this with what men label The Unpardonable Sin. We have no disagreement that any non-repentant sin, persisted in until death, is (1 Jn 5:16) a “*sin \_\_\_\_\_ death*,” and such is here described. See: TPBS #195, The Un-pardon-able Sin (?) We are of the studied opinion that any “repented of” sin is pardonable today.
8. **Added Accountability (V21)** “For it had been \_\_\_\_\_ for them \_\_\_\_\_ to have \_\_\_\_\_ the way of righteousness, \_\_\_\_\_, after they have known it, \_\_\_\_\_ turn \_\_\_\_\_ the holy commandment delivered unto them.” These false teachers had once been obedient to the gospel and were partakers of God’s divine grace but chose to spurn it in favor of “men pleasing” doctrines. Peter is describing their heightened level of accountability. What excuses they may have once claimed became void after they heard and obeyed the truth. But “they have known it” and did “turn from” it.
9. **Their Disgusting Wantonness (V22)** “But it is \_\_\_\_\_ unto them \_\_\_\_\_ to the true \_\_\_\_\_, The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to his own \_\_\_\_\_ again.” This comes from (Prov 26:11), “As a dog \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_, so a \_\_\_\_\_ returneth to his \_\_\_\_\_.” Where “the \_\_\_\_\_ that was \_\_\_\_\_ to her wallowing in the \_\_\_\_\_” originated is unknown but the comparison to an apostate believer is clearly seen. Peter has used powerful words and analogies indicting the apostate teachers who are threatening the very faith of other yet faithful Christians.

### Chapter Three

10. **I Want You To Remember (V1)** “This \_\_\_\_\_ epistle, beloved, I \_\_\_\_\_ write unto you; in \_\_\_\_\_ which I \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ minds by way of \_\_\_\_\_.” Peter continues his warning of impending apostasy from the faith. The next seven verses contain information about what is called “*the day of the Lord*.” Compared to what he had said about false brethren the term “*beloved*” shows his great affection for true brethren.
11. **This Second Epistle (V1)** This is reference to his first letter which we call 1 Peter. As mentioned earlier, the second epistle likely closely followed the first one. This is deduced from the apparent time Peter was in Rome, the horrible decimation of Jews and Christians under Nero (who died AD 68), the persecution that followed, and the fact Peter has already told us that he knew his time of death was at hand. Has this study elevated your awareness of the horror of backsliding? \_\_\_\_\_
12. **The Body Of God’s Immutable Truths (V2)** “That ye may be \_\_\_\_\_ of the words which were spoken \_\_\_\_\_ by the holy \_\_\_\_\_...” This refers to the OT prophets. “...and of the commandment of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord and Saviour.” This includes all Apostolic teachings of and relating to Christ’s NT law. Peter’s poignant words of warning are crystal clear.