

Second Peter 2:1-3

A true Christian desires to believe God and to behave as God has commanded.

If a person says they are a Christian but rejects essential elements of the gospel is that person saved?

2 John 1:7-11

Belief in a false Jesus only leads to false Christians.

If a person lives in unrepentant sin, is that person saved?

1 John 2:4-6

A person who remains in unrepentant sin reveals that their profession of faith is a lie.

Peter is emphasizing the importance of both belief and behavior to distinguish between authentic and fake Christians.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Is your belief and behavior confirming your salvation or confirming your destruction?

Four general points of comparison of false prophets and false teachers

Neither truly speak with authority from God.
Their "messages" from God are supposedly "good."
Many people follow them.
Their destruction by God is certain.

Matthew 24:11

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

Mark 13:22-23

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

Acts 20:29-30

1 Timothy 4:1-2

False teachers are sneaky with their false teaching.

The teaching of false teachers leads to destruction.

Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

**False teachers claim to be Christians,
but they are not.**

**Being a Christian takes more than
simply stating it with one’s mouth.**

**False teachers will be
punished by God.**

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**The popularity of false teaching and false teachers
also stems from the desires of the culture.**

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

False teaching promotes sensuality.

Romans 1:32

Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

A common trait of false teachers is that they do not talk about sin, and often approve of it.

Matthew 7:15-20

False teaching is often confused with authentic Christianity by the world.

True teaching clarifies the way of God;
however, false teaching muddies the water.

False teachers are motivated
by greed.

False teachers have false words.

Jeremiah 8:11-12

God will destroy them.

Matthew 7:21-23

We must recognize that right belief
and right behavior are confirmation
of a right relationship with God.

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