

## *How false teaching comes into the Church and into Believers' Lives* Scriptural Criteria to evaluate False Teaching

**2 Peter 1:4** He has granted to us His ~~precious~~ **priceless** and magnificent promises, so that by them you ~~may become partakers of~~  
**would share in** the divine nature.

**3** ...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to ~~life and godliness, through the true knowledge~~  
**a life of well-being**, through the **intensive, personal** knowledge of Him who called us .....

**20** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

**21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

**2 Peter 2:1** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly  
~~introduce destructive heresies~~ **smuggle in** heresies **of dissolution**, even denying ~~the Master who~~  
**the Lord (they claim)** bought them, bringing swift ~~destruction~~ **dissolution** upon themselves.

**2** Many will follow their ~~sensuality~~ **self-absorbed** (teaching), and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

**3** and in their ~~greed~~ **obsessive desire for control** they will exploit you with ~~false~~ **molded** words; their judgment from long ago is  
not idle, and their ~~destruction~~ **unraveling** is not asleep.

**I Samuel 9:3** Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were ~~lost~~ **scattered**.

**Genesis 2:17** "... but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it  
~~you will surely die~~ **coming apart, you will come apart.** {literally, "unraveling, you will unravel"}

**Acts 16:31** They said, " Believe in {*i.e.*, trust in} the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

**Colossians 2:6** Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him

**Matthew 5:7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

**8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

**48** "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**3** "Blessed are the ~~poor in spirit~~ **spiritually bankrupt.**"

**1 Peter 5:7** ~~casting all your anxiety~~ **vigorously throwing** all your **distraction** on Him, because He ~~cares for you~~ **is distracted over you.**

**James 3:17** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then ~~peaceable, gentle, reasonable~~ **bringing in peace, not insisting on the letter of the law, approachable**, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

**Isaiah 43:25** "I, even I, am the one who ~~wipes out~~ **obliterates** your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

**Colossians 3:15** Let the peace of Christ ~~rule in your hearts~~ **arbitrate the final ruling in your will.**