

DENUNCIATION OF THE FALSE TEACHERS:
THEIR PERVERSION
(2 Peter 2:20-22)

- I. Underlying DECEPTION of Their Status (2 Pet. 2:20-21)
 - A. They have “ESCAPED the DEFILEMENTS of the world”
 - 1. Not identical with being PARDONED for SIN
 - 2. Probably describes having WITHDRAWN from PAGAN wantonness
 - 3. Describes an accurate AWARENESS ABOUT Christ, but not FAITH IN Him
 - B. “They are again ENTANGLED ... and are OVERCOME”
 - 1. Implies a GRADUAL PROCESS of becoming enmeshed
 - 2. Continually OVERPOWERED by LUST and CORRUPTION
 - C. “The LAST state has become WORSE for them than the FIRST” (cf. Matt. 12:45; Luke 11:26)
 - 1. Their status would have been BETTER had they never KNOWN “the WAY of righteousness”
 - 2. Their status is WORSE for having KNOWN it and REJECTED it

3. Illustrates the FUTILITY of REFORMATION without REGENERATION (cf. Heb. 10:26-31)

II. Proverbial DEPICTION of Their Status (2 Pet. 2:22)

- A. Likens them to a DOG that CONSUMES its own VOMIT
- B. Likens them to a SOW that RETURNS to its MIRE
- C. Their actions REVEAL their TRUE CHARACTER