



<sup>1</sup>But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them —bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. <sup>3</sup>In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. II Peter 2:1-3

## II Peter 2:

1. The church is comprised of the Good Shepherd, \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:11); under-shepherds, \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:28) and the sheep, God's \_\_\_\_\_. (John 10:27)
2. False teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ in sheep's clothing. "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious **wolves**." Matthew 7:15
3. A heresy is a false teaching on an \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine by someone who claims to be a Christian.
4. Characteristics of false teachers:
  - **Despise** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them . . ." v. 1*
  - \_\_\_\_\_  
*" . . . by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people . . ." v. 17*
  - \_\_\_\_\_  
*"In their greed, they will exploit you . . ." v. 3*  
*" . . . they are experts in greed . . ." v. 14*
  - **Under** \_\_\_\_\_  
*" . . . if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment." v. 9*

5. Growing in grace gives us the power to \_\_\_\_\_ false teachings while holding \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth. And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. II Peter 1:19