

2 Peter 04 – 2:14-22

1. 2:13-14– Brute beasts

- a. Spots and blemishes; they were stains in their behavior – Jude 12
- b. Taking pleasure in unrighteousness – Psa 10:3, Prov 28:4
- c. Adultery *def.* unlawful relations, idolatry, unfaithful
- d. Beguiling unstable souls – like Rom 16:17-18
- e. Exercising their hearts – Heb 5:13-14
- f. Hate the evil, love the good, seek peace – Amos 5:15, Psa 34:14

2. 2:15-16 – The way of Balaam – Jude 11

- a. Balaam had a reputation – Numbers 22:6-7
- b. God's answer was plain, Balaam deceived himself – Num 22:12-13
- c. Balaam's lack of integrity – Num 22:16-19
- d. Balaam's blindness to God's word – Num 22:19-22
- e. Balaam's doctrine was compromise – Rev 2:14
- f. The audience did not stumble, but need to look out – 1 Peter 2:7-8

3. 2:17-19 – The bondage of corruption

- a. 2:17 - All talk, no substance – lacking sincerity and an anchor (see Eph 4:14)
- b. “mist of darkness” – “outer darkness” – Mat 8:12, 25:30
- c. 2:18 - Temptation is always attractive – James 1:12-16
- d. Wantonness *def* – sportive, gaiety, licentious, lewd
- e. Servants of corruption – this is not a new teaching – John 8:43, Rom 6:13
- f. Being overcome with worldly wantonness – 1Pet 2:16, Jud 4, 1 John 5:3-5
- g. Paul also dealt with problems of liberty falsely called – Gal 5:13

4. 2:20-22 – Turning from the holy commandment

- a. They have knowledge of the Lord and fall away – Heb 6:1-6, 10:38-39
- b. Why would it have been better? → “more tolerable” – Mat 10:15
- c. “How much more” - Heb 10:26, 29
- d. What is the commandment? – 1 John 1:1, 2 John 5-6
- e. Turning away from the command – 1 John 2:18-19
- f. Sin is not a one time battle, it requires vigilance – Jam 5:11, 1 Pet 5:8
- g. The fool to his folly - Prov 26:11