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2 Peter 2 (ESV): “But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. **2** And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. **3** And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep....”



“...**4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgement; **5** if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; **6** if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; **7** and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked...”





“...**8** (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); **9** then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, **10** and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,...”



“...**11** whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord...” **12** But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, **13** suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you....”



“... **14** They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!...” **15** Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, **16** but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet’s madness....”





“... **17** These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved....” **18** For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. **19** They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved....”

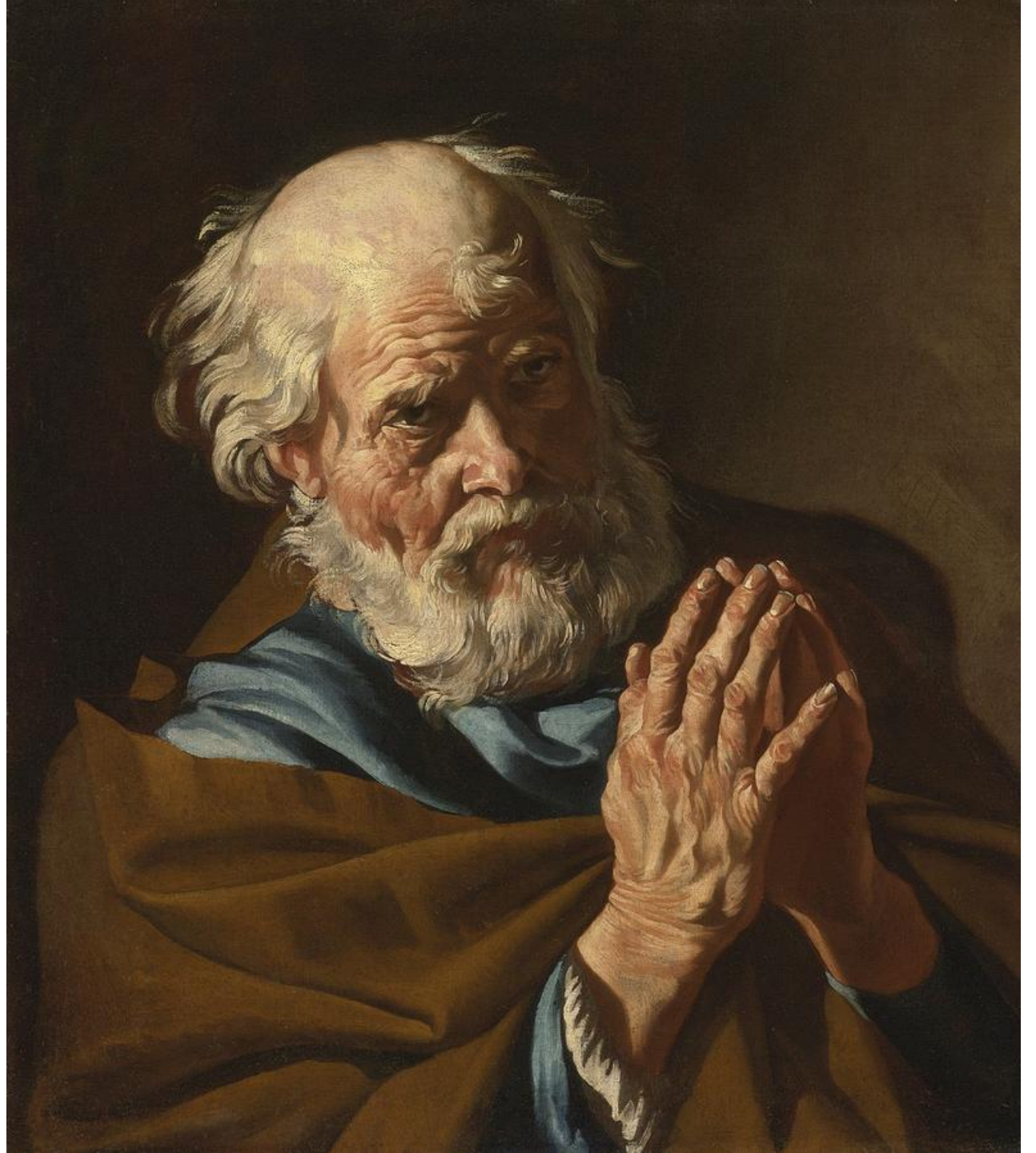
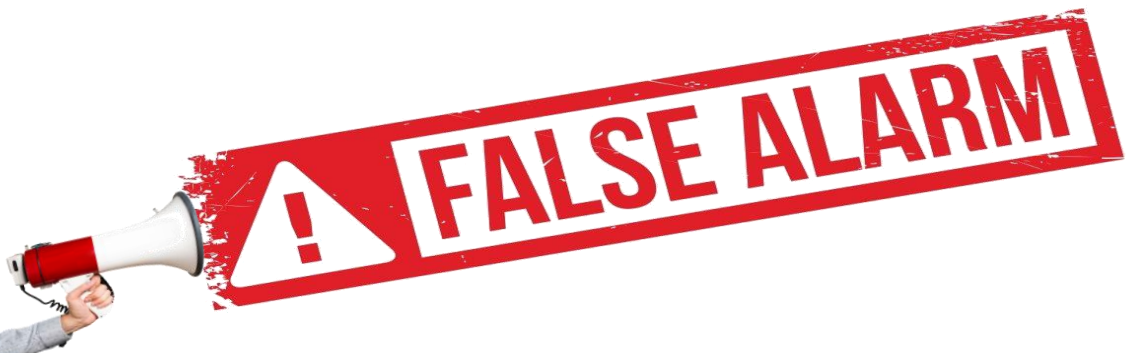


“... **20** For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first....”

**21** For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

**22** What the true proverb says has happened to them: ‘The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.’”







Galatians 2:16 (ESV): “We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.”



Matthew 7:15-16 (ESV): “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. **16** You will recognize them by their fruits.”



1 Peter 1:22 (ESV): “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”







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# MAIN POINT:

REGARDING TRUTH,  
FIRST COMES LOVE;  
SECOND COMES MESSAGE.



1 Timothy 1:3-6 (ESV): “Charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, **4** nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. **5** The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. **6** Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away.”























“The pope may command me to do something that contravenes the law of Christian love or the Gospel. But, if he did so command, I would say to him, thou art no shepherd. Not the Roman Church, but thou erreth.”



(From Girolamo Savonarola's Lenten sermon in Florence, Italy, on February 17, 1496)

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 (ESV): “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”





1 John 2:8-10 (ESV): “It is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

**9** Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. **10** Whoever loves his brother abides in the light.”



Galatians 5:20 (ESV): “...enmity, strife,  
jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries,  
dissensions, **divisions**...”



John 5:38-40 (ESV): “You do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. **39** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, **40** yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”



James 4:13 (NKJV): “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, **buy and sell**, and make a profit.’”





Numbers 22:38-40 NKJV): “Balaam said to Balak, ‘Look, I have come to you! Now, have I any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I must speak.’ **39** So Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kirjath Huzoth. **40** Then Balak offered oxen and sheep, and he sent some to Balaam.”



Philippians 1:15-17 (ESV): “Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. **16** The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. **17** The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.”





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# APPLICATION:

REIMAGINE TRUTH  
AS MORE THAN  
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YOUR WAY.





Psalm 86:11 (ESV): “Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth.”



Ephesians 4:15 (ESV): “Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”



John 14:6 (ESV): “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”












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**Next Week: 2 Peter 3**