

Apostles and Apostates (Part 2)

2 Peter 2:17-22

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Apostle – an ardent supporter

Apostate – one who abandons a previous loyalty

1. Promises Without Payoff (17-19)

- Fake prophets have false promises.
- Peter says they are “springs without water” and “mists driven by a storm” meaning they promise refreshment and life, but they don’t deliver.
- False prophets are false converts – they are in **a** church but not part of **the** church, who will be cast into hell forever.

2. Escaped then Entangled (20-21)

- They profess Christ but are entangled and enslaved by sin.
- Continual sin doesn’t mean you _____ your salvation, it’s just indicative of a _____ of salvation.
- Use Scripture to interpret Scripture because the Bible never contradicts itself.

3. _____ and _____ (22)

- Peter quotes Proverbs 26:11 and adds his own analogy or possibly one that was used in his day.
- The Jewish culture would have understood the use of these two animals specifically to mean those outside of the family of God because they were unclean, dirty animals.
- Of all people, Peter would be aware of how a _____ in a moment can cause you to fail:
 - Matthew 14:22-32
 - Matthew 26:69-75
- If they were saved, he would use similar language to that of James when talking about backsliders:
 - James 5:19-20
 - 2 Peter 1:10
- Unless you’ve been _____ into a new creation like Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 5:17, you’re still a _____ or a _____.