

The Marks of a Heretic

2 Peter 2:1-3

Introduction:

- ***For your sake and for the sake of the truth, you must know the marks of a Heretic!***
(realize the characteristics and mode of operation of a divisive false teacher)

- I. ***The heretic does his work by INFILTRATION*** (v.1a)
(They mingle & blend with believers)

- II. ***The heretic does his work by INDOCTRINATION*** (v.1b)
(They teach divisive & false doctrines)

- III. ***The heretic does his work by INSTIGATION*** (v.2)
(They gather a cultic following and shame the Truth's reputation)
 - A. ***They instigate others to FOLLOW their ways of deceit*** (v.2a)

 - B. ***They instigate others to REJECT Christ's way of truth*** (v.2b)

- IV. ***The heretic does his work by EXPLOITATION*** (v.3a)
(They cleverly extract money from God's people)

Conclusion: The heretic will come to his end by **inevitable CONDEMNATION** (v.3b)