

## The Surprising Truth About False Teachers

2 Peter 2:10b-22

*By definition, false teachers are those who preach destructive heresies (2:1). By description, false teachers are those who practice destructive habits.*

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of false teachers (10-16)

A. They are \_\_\_\_\_ (10-11)

B. They are \_\_\_\_\_ (12-16)

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of false teachers (17-19)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of false teachers (20-22)

It is incumbent on them [pastors] to preserve the truth or doctrine of the gospel received and professed in the church, and to defend it against all opposition. This is one principal end of the ministry. . . . And the sinful neglect of this duty is that which was the cause of most of the pernicious heresies and errors that have infested and ruined the church. Those whose duty it was to preserve the doctrine of the gospel entire in the public profession of it have, many of them 'spoken perverse things, to draw away disciples after them'. Bishops, presbyters, public teachers, have been the ringleaders in heresies. Wherefore this duty, especially at this time, when the fundamental truths of the gospel are on all sides impugned, from all sorts of adversaries, is in an especial manner to be attended unto.

- John Owen