

December 24 Questions

- 1) Peter wrote previously about the persecution the believers were suffering from those outside the church, and he encouraged the congregation to stand fast in the faith. Peter now wrote concerning the theological and moral _____ the believers were facing from those _____ the church. The threat came from false teachers who had once been _____ themselves! This teaches us that it's possible for a believer to _____ from the faith. We must be on guard against the temptations of _____, _____ and _____, for they are just as real today as they were in Peter's day (2 Pet 2:10, 15, 18). The false teachers dismissed the apostles' eyewitness accounts of Jesus' ministry as _____, _____ the truth of Scripture, denied the _____ coming of Christ, and twisted _____ teachings into error (cf. 2 Pet 1:16, 21; 3:4, 16). This teaches us that we can recognize false teachers by what they _____. They deny God's Word and teach their _____ ideas instead of the Spirit's inspired truth. The false teachers also _____ the church, _____ those who were weak, _____ authority, and encouraged others to _____ in the passions of the flesh. This teaches us that we can recognize false teachers by what they _____. They refuse to be _____ and insist that God's grace is a license to _____. Peter knew how dangerous these false teachers were to the church, and he urged his readers to be diligent to _____ in _____. If they would be _____ to increase in the spiritual character qualities he mentioned, they would be _____ from apostasy and their calling and election would be _____ (2 Pet 1:5–11).