

2 Peter Chapter 2

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But false prophets also appeared among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their indecent behavior, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

True or False?

the Bible, like all sacred writings, contains helpful accounts of ancient myths but is not literally true

the bible is:

- inspired by God
- the authority for matters of faith and conduct
- a love letter from God

The bible is the primary way in which the Holy Spirit points us to Jesus and the kingdom of heaven

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

2 Ti 3:15-17 (NASB 2020)

The bible is the source document for our beliefs

A call for Unity...

“I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me.

John 17:20-23 (NASB 2020)

Christian Doctrine

- Doctrine is teaching.
- Doctrine is teaching from God about God that directs us to the glory of God.
- Doctrine is teaching, where the main themes of God's revelation are summarized and taught.

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching (or doctrine) and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NASB 2020)

What Must I do to be Saved?

And the jailer asked for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas; and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of God to him together with all who were in his house. (Acts 16:29-32)

“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10)

Salvation – Need to Know

- We are in need of salvation and need to repent of our sin
- Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth and died on a cross to pay the price for our sin and reconcile us to God
- Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to His Father; He is Lord.
- Belief and faith are linked; we are saved by faith.

Other Doctrines

- There is one God, revealed in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - God (“us”) created the heavens and the earth
- The Lord Jesus is both truly God and truly man, born of a virgin, without sin. He was begotten, not a created being
 - He is our great high priest and intercedes for us
 - He will come again in glory for His church
 - He will judge the living and the dead
- We are redeemed by the blood that Jesus shed on the cross
- Salvation is through faith alone; it’s not by our works

Other Doctrines Cont'd

- Each believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ upon receiving Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
 - The Holy Sprit dwells within us, guides us and seals us until Christ redeems His church
- There will be a bodily resurrection of all, everlasting blessings for those who are saved and everlasting punishment for those who are lost
- The church universal – the body of Christ – is a living entity made up of those who believe
- Baptism is a profession of faith in Jesus
- It is the privilege and responsibility of believers to participate in communion in response to Jesus' request to "do this in remembrance of Me."

Great Teacher, But Not God?

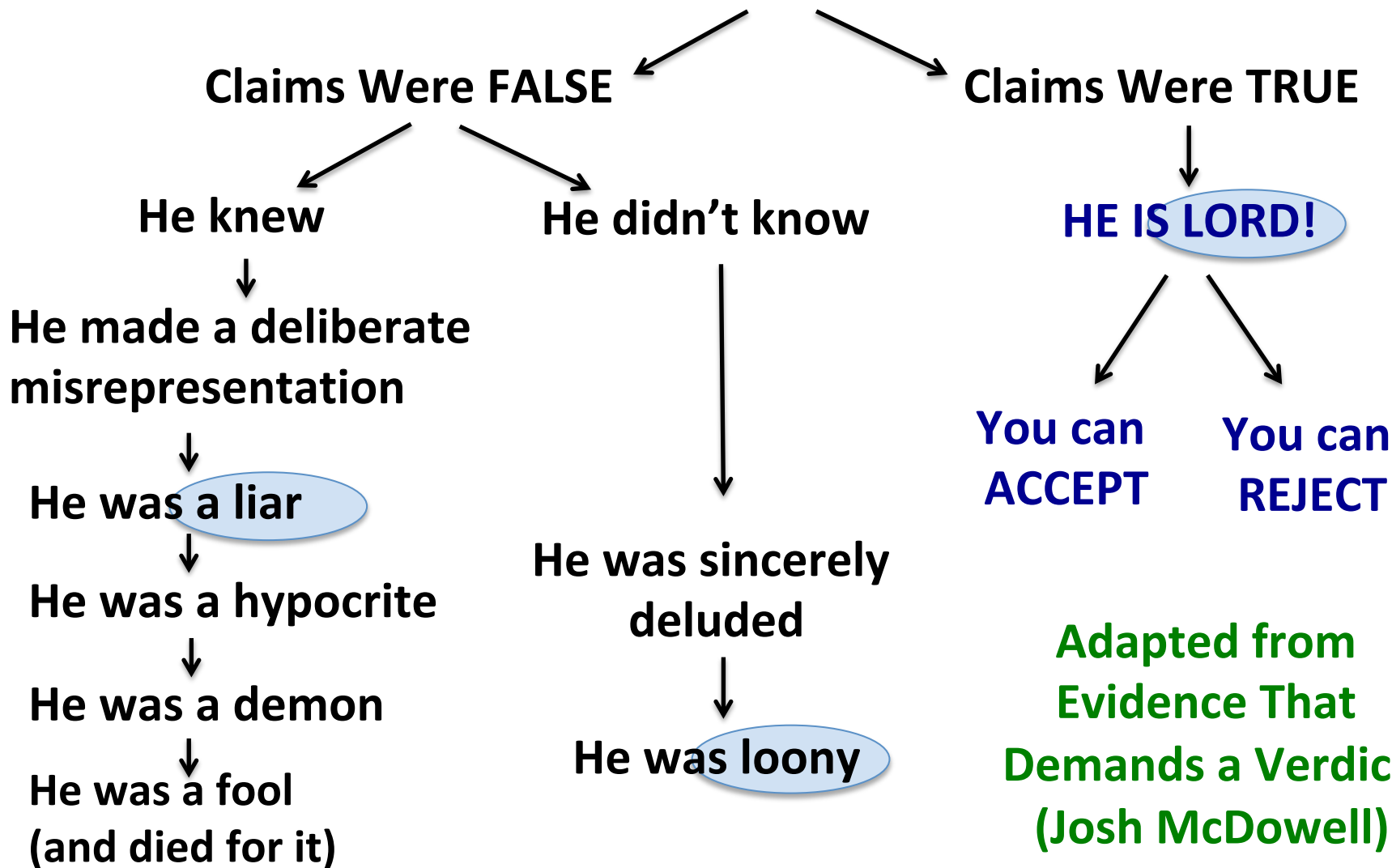
John 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

Mark 14:61-62 Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

The Trilemma

Jesus Claimed to be God



Many Ways to God?

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

Acts 4:12 “there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved.”

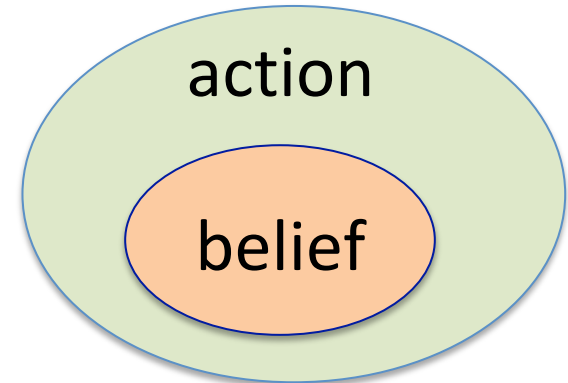
Good Doctrine – Good Disciple?

“... these people were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.” Acts 17:19

Belief is more than an
intellectual exercise

We need to put our faith
into action

Faith without works is dead



2 Peter 2:9-10

...then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from a trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt passion, and despise authority.

2 Peter 2:11-13a

Reckless, self-centered, they speak abusively of angelic majesties without trembling, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a demeaning judgment against them before the Lord. But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, using abusive speech where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime.

2 Peter 2:13b-16

They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions as they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in greed, accursed children; abandoning the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the reward of unrighteousness; but he received a rebuke for his own offense, for a mute donkey, speaking with a human voice, restrained the insanity of the prophet.

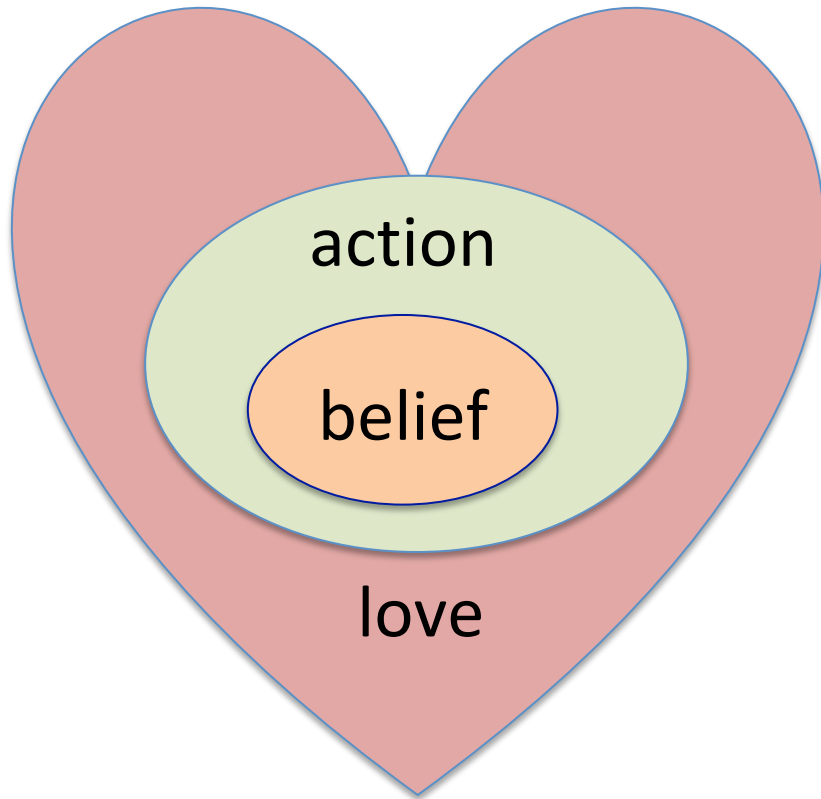
2 Peter 2:17-19

These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved. For, while speaking out arrogant words of no value they entice by fleshly desires, by indecent behavior, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what anyone is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

2 Peter 2:20-22

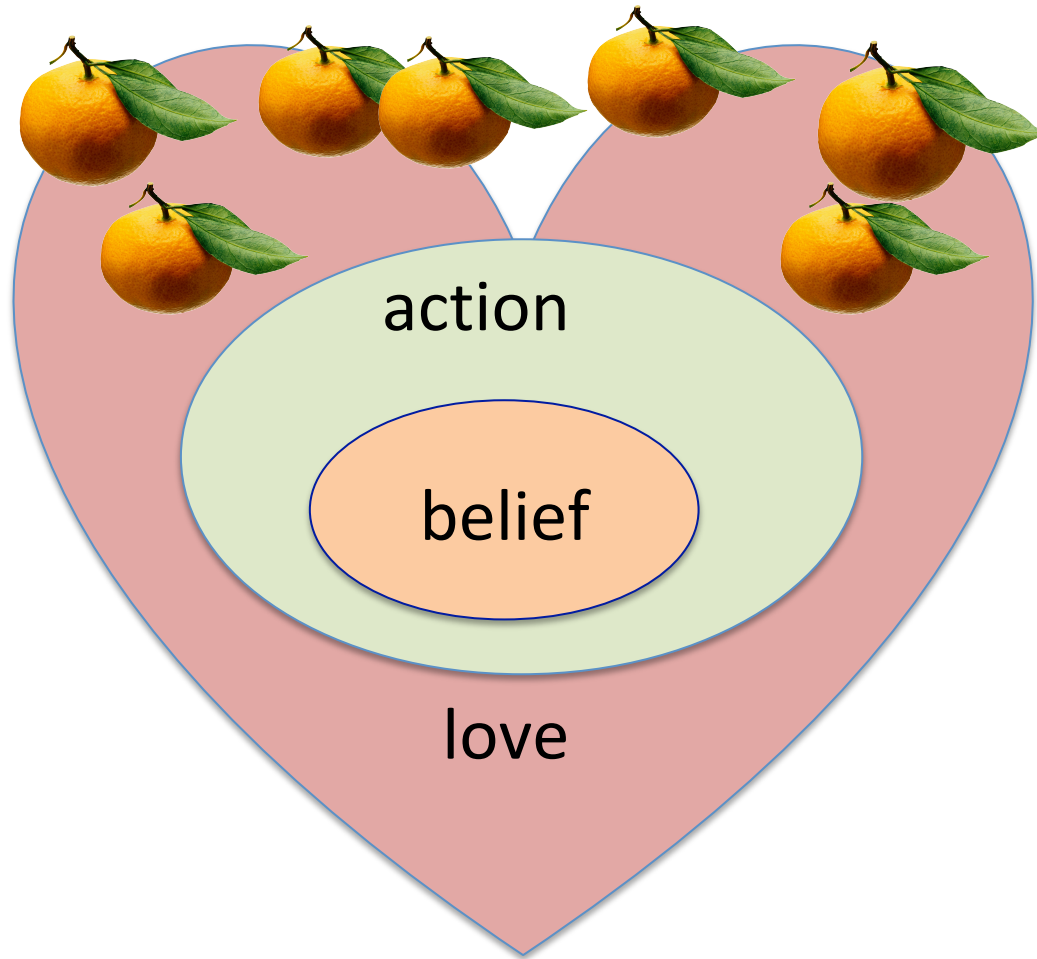
For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

Motivation - Love



I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”

(John 13:34-35 NASB 2020)



**God looks for progress in our lives
we need to keep growing**

Doxology

Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25