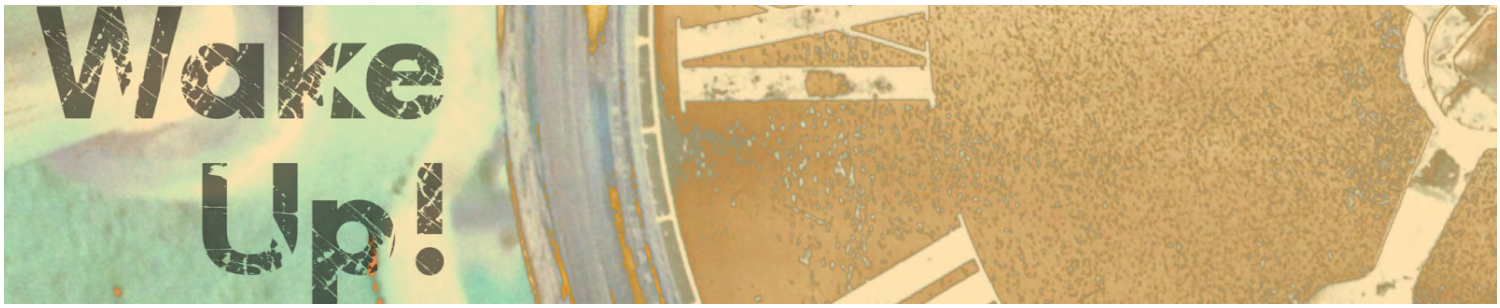


Connect Together

How would you convince someone who believed something that you were sure was simply not true? Perhaps it is a family member, colleague, and someone you met for the first time. How would you approach the situation?

Lesson Verses - 2 Peter 2:17-22 (CSB)

17 These people are springs without water, mists driven by a storm. The gloom of darkness has been reserved for them. 18 For by uttering boastful, empty words, they seduce, with fleshly desires and debauchery, people who have barely escaped from those who live in error. 19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption, since people are enslaved to whatever defeats them. 20 For if, having escaped the world's impurity through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in these things and defeated, the last state is worse for them than the first. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy command delivered to them. 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb: A dog returns to its own vomit, and, "A washed sow returns to wallowing in the mud."

Study & Apply

1. a. Why does Peter call these false teachers “springs without water” and “mists driven by a storm”? What is the deep meaning here?
(John 4:13-14; James 1:8; Jude 1:12; Proverbs 25:14)

   b. Peter also says corruption is slavery and bondage. Why does that happen?
(v.19; John 8:34; Romans 6:16; Titus 3:3)

APPLY: How might Peter’s teaching relate to the errors of the Prosperity Gospel of today? What Biblical evidence would you point to that would refute it?
(Matthew 6:19–21, 24; Mark 10:17–25; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

2. a. While it may sound as if a person can believe and fall away, how can we clarify to someone this is not the case (v.21) according to the Bible?
(Hebrews 6:4-6; Matthew 7:21-23; Ephesians 1:13-14)

   b. What is evidence that we are saved?
(1 John 2:3-6; John 5:24; 1 Peter 1:15; Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Corinthians 7:10;)

   c. Why do Christians often refer to proof of salvation as being reborn?
(Romans 6:22; Colossians 1:21-23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Matthew 13:18-23)

APPLY: It is only by the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that allows someone to see the truth of this world. Thus, it shows us the truth in that the Bible teaches we are in a spiritual battle. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What are we told to do, and as a result not to do?

Discuss & Share

Why doesn’t being reborn simply mean a resolution to be nice towards others? What are some possible signs that a person has confused “living a good life” or “looking Christian” as being a Christ follower? How can we help them in knowing the Truth?

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.
Pray AGAIN for the salvation of someone you know needs Jesus.