

2 Peter 2:10-22

The Graphic Novel Version

“Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:” -2 Peter 1:1 ESV

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,” -2 Peter 1:3 ESV

1.Capitalizing on the Business of Deception10b-16

A. The Character of Deceivers

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.” Daniel 4:37 ESV

Pride/Arrogance 10b-11

-Not even angels would do what these teachers do

“Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.” -Jude 1:8-10 ESV

Acting like animals 12-14

2 Peter 1:3-8

B. Baalam

“But God’s anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. And the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. And when the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pushed

against the wall and pressed Balaam’s foot against the wall. So he struck her again. Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam’s anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?” And Balaam said to the donkey, “Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you.” And the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?” And he said, “No.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face. And the angel of the Lord said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live.”” -Numbers 22:22-33 ESV

2. A Picture of Deception 17-19

A. Waterless Springs 17

The promise of water or rain and nothing

“Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”” -John 4:13-14 ESV

B. Enticing the Flesh 18

“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.” Romans 13:11-14 ESV

C. Promising Freedom while Slaves themselves 19

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” -Galatians 5:1 ESV

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”
Galatians 5:13 ESV

3. They Are Worse Off Now 20-22

A. Before They Knew Jesus

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.” -Romans 1:18 ESV

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” -Romans 3:23 ESV

B. Recognizing Christ for Who He Really Is

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”
Colossians 1:15-20 ESV

C. Returning to the Vomit and Mud 21, 22

Reflection: Is Christ first in your life today? What weakness do you need to give to Jesus today that could entice you away from Him?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: 2 Peter 1:3-8. As you read this instruction, what ways are you using from it to strengthen your life in Jesus? What ways from this list are you not using?

Tuesday: John 4. As you read the account of the woman at the well, what things about the woman are most striking? How does Jesus deal with her and offer to her that every person should know?

Wednesday: Numbers 22. As you read the account of Baalam, who does he consult? Why is he a part of the problem? How does reading this chapter help you understand the last part of 2 Peter 2?

Thursday: Colossians 1:15-20. What claims are made about Jesus in this passage? How do these claims help you in your life and how would you explain that to someone who is not familiar with Jesus?

Friday: Galatians 5:1. How would you explain freedom in Christ to someone else? How would you explain your freedom in Christ?

Saturday: Galatians 5:13. How do people misuse their freedom in Christ? How do you guard against this in your life?