

## Forever Faith #3 Counterfeit Christianity

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Peter 2:1

### What's the Difference? True vs. Counterfeit Christians:

**1. Operate with Different SOURCES.**

2 Peter 1:16; 2 Peter 2:3

**2. Share a Different MESSAGE.**

2 Peter 1:16; 2 Peter 2:1

**3. Have a Different POSITION.**

2 Peter 1:4; 2 Peter 2:19

**4. Defined by a Different CHARACTER.**

2 Peter 2:10; 2 Peter 2:14

**5. Make Different APPEALS.**

2 Peter 1:19; 2 Peter 2:18

**6. Produce a Different FRUIT.**

2 Peter 1:8; 2 Peter 2:17

**7. Face a Different END.**

2 Peter 1:11; 2 Peter 1:1; 2 Peter 1:3

### Two Eternally Important Applications:

**1. Gives Believers Framework to identify and protect the Church from FALSE Teaching.**

**2. Gives Everyone a way to TEST if They are a True or Counterfeit Believer.**

Matthew 7:21-23

### Distinguishing Trait:

**True Believers are DISTRESSED over Sin.**

2 Peter 2:22; 2 Peter 2:21

### Reminder:

**The Lord knows how to rescue the GODLY.**

2 Peter 2:9

**2 Peter 1:21** For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**2 Peter 2:1** But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

**2 Peter 1:16** For we did not follow cleverly devised stories...

**2 Peter 2:3** In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories.

**2 Peter 1:16** ...when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power...

**2 Peter 2:1** ...They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them...

**2 Peter 1:4** ...He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

**2 Peter 2:19** They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”

**2 Peter 2:10** ... follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

**2 Peter 2:14** With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed...

**2 Peter 1:19** We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it...

**2 Peter 2:18** For through their mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

**2 Peter 1:8** For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Peter 2:17** These people are springs without water...

**2 Peter 1:11** ... you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**2 Peter 1:1** ... bringing swift destruction on themselves.

**2 Peter 1:3** ... Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

**Matthew 7:21-23** “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

**2 Peter 2:22** Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

**2 Peter 2:21** It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

**2 Peter 2:9** ... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.