

Until Then (Part 4)

2 Peter 3:13-18

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III. Stay on Guard Against False Teachers
(vv.16b-17).

There are some things in them [Paul's letters] that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care [be on your guard] that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. (vv.16b-17)

A. Don't be carried away by those who twist Scripture to support erroneous teaching and lawless living.

They were immoral people:

- *their evil teaching and shameful immorality (v.2)*
- *those who follow their own twisted sexual desire (v.10a)*
- *They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. (v.14a)*

They were bold and arrogant in their rebellion:

- *These people are proud and arrogant, daring even to scoff at supernatural beings without so much as trembling. (v.10b)*
- *They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. (v.13b)*

Their goal was to entice others to join them in immoral living.

- *They lure unstable people into sin (v.14b)*
- *With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception. (v.18)*

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*But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. .
.. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. (Gal.2:11-13)*

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B. Don't let anyone undermine your doctrinal stability (v.17b)

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And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil.1:6)

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