

Facing the Modern Deceivers

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 2 Peter 1:1-2.
- B. There is little to protect people from things that bring spiritual harm in our society.
- C. It is important to understand what people believe. This determines what they do.
- D. Most Charismatics are standing on an erroneous belief system.
- E. Biblical teaching says that the Scripture taught objectively is the standard not the Scripture taught subjectively.
- F. Charismatics have become the victims of their own subjectivity.

II. The modern charismatic movement is neo Gnosticism claiming that it has secret knowledge.

III. The movement often claims special revelation.

IV. Some have rejected the Trinity, such as Oneness Pentecostals.

V. Some claim personal deification.

VI. The devil and demons get blamed for sins frequently in a dualistic worldview.

VII. Some deny justification and forgiveness past, present and future.

VIII. Peter helps us face these kinds of problems today. He is our consumer advocate.

Application Questions:

1. Why is it necessary to have a “consumer advocate” for spirituality? What does this look like practically?

2. What are some of the major false teachings that have arisen from some prominent Charismatics?

3. How can we address a fellow believer in love who has fallen into some of these false teachings? Explain.
