

# The Following Message is Message #092A

## SICK DOGS AND DIRTY HOGS

**Text: II Peter 2:17-22**

Introduction

### **I. In Our Text Peter is addressing many things**

Throughout book-chapter see deals with mistakes errors

There are commonly Made by churches/church members today

#### **A. Everybody Believes the Same**

That seems to be the common idea in Christianity today

People say it does not really matter what you believe-all are acceptable and all are OK

YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN TRUTH

If you believe in truth then have to come to the conclusion that somebody is wrong

THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT ARE NOT THE SAME

**2Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

I am not saying that if you do not believe like I do on every are they are lost

There are some things that must believe alike if they are saved-only one way

**Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

If we have fellowship-work together there must be some common ground

**Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**

#### **B. Everybody in the Ministry is Sincere**

There are those who are in ministry for other reasons than that God be glorified

**2 Peter 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.**

#### **C. Everybody in the Church is saved**

THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS MISTAKE TO MAKE

### **II. Last one that want to spend a little time on**

I am afraid that churches are full of unconverted church members

They have their name on a roll but not in the Lamb's book of Life

Gone through all the rituals-Never gone to Calvary

As one man said They have been starched and ironed but Never washed

SOME MIGHT ASK-WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT-THE BIBLE

When look at the Word of God-see how it describes a Christian

Then look what we are producing so often-have to say something is wrong

And I am persuaded it is not with the word of God

### **III. In text Peter addressing things that are false**

Talks about false teacher-say some on that-Want focus primarily on the false prophets

Just because somebody says they are something does not make it so

Want to take our title from a statement that Peter gives in **v.22**

Referrers to **Proverbs 26:11**-adds another component-Want us to talk about

*Sick Dogs and Dirty Hogs*

**BAD TO HAVE NO HOPE-EVEN WORSE WHEN YOU HAVE A FALSE HOPE**

Hardest people in the world to reach with the Gospel is religious people

We live in a country where everybody says they are saved

Many have bought into a false gospel-false hope-headed for a real hell

Three things to consider from this passage of scripture as we think about this

### **I. The False Conversions that are Experienced**

#### **A. Peter has been talking about false preacher**

Not everybody that is preaching is preaching the true gospel  
Goes on talks about them have had false conversion  
Understand you can be under sound preaching and still have a false conversion experience

## **B. Notice some things about these people**

### **1. Reformation without Regeneration**

These were people who heard the message of the Gospel and made an escape  
Notice twice he says that they are escaped-What it that they have escaped from

- a. They Changed their Companions-Them that live in Error v. 18
- b. They Changed their Conduct-Pollutions of this World v. 20

Maybe stopped drinking-gossiping for a while

NOTICE WHAT HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED-NATURE

That is the problem-not just friends and what we do

PROBLEM IS WHAT WE ARE-SINFUL NATURE-WE CANNOT CHAGE THAT

**Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.**

Peter talking about Christians earlier in the book

**2Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

Difference in CORRUPTION AND POLLUTION-One internal and one is external  
CORRUPTION APPLIES TO NATRUE-POLLUTION APPLIES TO SITUATION

We live in a polluted world-not have to be corrupted by it

This is what Jesus was saying when said IN world not OF the world

These are people who have turned over a new leaf so speak-all done dirty both sides

### **2. Response without Repentance**

They heard the gospel preached-they stopped short of obeying it

I am aware some say that repentance not essential for salvation

Not really believe without it-two sides of the same coin

**1Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

**Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:**

Someone might ask what is Repentance

- a. More than Regret-What Think about a thing-Hate Sin but Love Self
- b. More that Remorse-What Feel about a thing-Hate Self but Love Sin
- c. Repentance-What you Do about a thing-Hate Sin because understood the gospel

True repentance something only God can do

**2Timothy 2:25, 26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.**

Reason you not decide when you be saved-must respond to God

How do you know if God dealing with you-JUST KNOW

Some have responded to an emotional plea-responded with others-God not dealing

I can make you feel guilty-may even may you sorry-only God bring to repentance

GOD CAN BRING YOU TO THAT DOOR AND YOU CAN REFUSE TO ENTER

To do this have to see reality of sin-not think that bad-not repent

If you do not turn from sin then you don't want to be saved

### **3. Religion without Relationship**

These are people who have an outward from no inward experience

Religion-not real-ware you out-take you to hell

## **C. so many in churches are in this state**

Ever heard of Jailhouse religion-Church house religion is not better

How do you know that many are in this way-consider the second thought

## **II. The Flawed Characters that are Exposed**

### **A. Bible makes it plain that a change should accompany salvation**

**2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

Titus 3:3, 4 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

We could go on with many other verses-there is suppose to be a change-Yet in these people there is none

### **B. Times hard to tell who is who**

1. Times lost look saved

Ill. Judas-treasurer of the group

2. Time saved look lost

Aware that it is possible to backslide

2Peter 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Ill. Prodigal son forgot who he was for a while

I know it is possible to backslide-God will step in an deal with us when we do

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Times He will chasten us even to the point of death

There is a security that is found in Jesus Christ

While Bible teaches security of believer-insecurity of make believer

### **C. There is s a prodigal pig as well**

That is what our passage tells us about v. 22

1. Dog to its own vomit

2. Pig to wallow-this is what pigs do

Romans 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

A Pig is a Pig-Evelyn C. Sanders

Come home with me, said the prodigal son,

We'll sing and dance and have lots of fun.

We'll wine and dine with women and song

You'll forget you're a pig before very long

So the pig slipped out while mamma was asleep

Shook off the mud from the mire so deep

Around his neck was a bow so big

He's gonna show the world, a pig's not a pig

With his snout in the air he trotted along

With the prodigal son who was singin' a song

It must be great to be a rich man's son

He would surely find out 'fore the day is done!

It didn't take long to realize his mistake

He'd been scrubbed and rubbed till his muscles ached!

He squealed when they put a gold ring in his nose

And winced with pain when they trimmed his toes

He sat at the table on a stool so high

A bib around his neck and a fork to try,

When the meat came around, the pig gave a moan

It looked to much like a kind of his own.

He jumped from his chair with a grunt and a groan

Darted through the door and headed for home.

His four little feet make the dust ride high

For he didn't stop till he reached that sty!

It's what's on the inside that counts, my friend,

For a pig is a pig to the very end!

This is why I say their flawed characters were exposed-things will eventually come out

### **D. See people not change**

Maybe was for a few days-weeks-not last-because not real

In their life not sense of shame or conviction-no chastisement

Hebrews 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Not that they lost their salvation-they never had it

**E. For many of these people we are busy making excuses**

Talk about how they know they are saved-just by what they say

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

NOT WANT TO FACE REALITY-MAYBE THEY ARE NOT SAVED

Then the responsibility falls on us to share the gospel

Not really want to do that so we sooth our own conscious

UNDERSTAND A PERSON CAN BACKSLIDE-NOT BE ABLE TO STAY THERE

**III. The Fearful Consequences that are Expressed**

**A. What does the scripture say about them v. 20**

Why ladder end worse than the beginning

JESUS SPOKE ABOUT SOMETHING SIMILAR

Luke 11:24-26 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

**B. Better to knot known v. 21**

Again these are people who knew-then turned away

Luke 12:47, 48 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

WORSE PLACE TO GO TO HELL FROM IS A CHURCH PEW

Having heard the message-Aware of Spirit of God-and said no

**C. Bible wants us to be sure**

2Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Charles Haddon Spurgeon-Ofte'n traveling small black cross on highway to mark the spot where men have met with sudden death by accident. These are solemn reminders of our mortality, but they lead our minds still further. For is the places were men seal themselves for a second death could be thus manifestly indicated, what a scene this could present! Here the memorial of a soul undone by yielding so some foul temptation, there a conscience seared by the rejection of a final warning, and yonder a heart forever turned into stone by the resisting of the last tender appeal of love. Our places of worship would hardly hold the sorrowing monuments that might be erected over spots where spirits were forever lost—spirits that date their ruin from sinning against the gospel while under the sound of it.”