Belief and Behavior

Wyatt Martin // November 7, 2021 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Lie #2: "God only cares about your belief, not your behavior."

The Truth: Jesus came to renew, not just to forgive.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Jeremiah 8:11

Sermon questions

In our 2 Peter series, Peter warns us to resist the 5 lies that will derail our faith. We'll be discussing Lie #2 this week: *God only cares about your belief, not your behavior.* Our text is **2 Peter 2:1-10a**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

Read 2 Peter 2:1-10a

1. Have you ever personally encountered Lie #2 in the church? Where have you seen it?

2. Do you find yourself more prone to believe Lie #2, or more prone to believe the lie on the opposite end of the spectrum that you must earn God's love with your behavior? What gospel truth(s) help you to reject those lies?

3.	Have someone read 2 Corinthians 5:17 . In what ways do you experience the truth of being made a new creation in Christ? Do you ever struggle to feel like you are truly a new creation?
4.	Have someone read vs. 9-10 . Where is Jesus calling you to grow in repenting from fulfilling the desires of the flesh right now so you can walk in step with the Spirit?
5.	Peter describes the way that the message of Jesus can be brought into "disrepute" in vs. 2 . In our culture today, where does the church need to pay special attention not to give Jesus a bad name as we go towards the lost in the world around us?

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