**Title:**KCCO: ‘Til the End!

**Scripture:**2 Peter 2:10b-22

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**Big Idea:**Great starts, green shoots, but falling away is not True Christianity.

**Outline**

1. Finishing Recognizes the Evidence of the Deceivers (10b-16)  
2. Finishing Fortifies Against the Deceivers (14)  
3. Finishing Discerns The Subtlety of the Deceivers (15-16)  
4. Finishing Avoids the Effects of the Deceivers (17-22)

***WHAT DID YOU LEARN?***

1. Read Jeremiah 8:12. How can our response to what the Bible calls sin give evidence of the authenticity of our faith? Read Romans 10:2. What is the litmus test for evaluating our passion and “good” deeds being evidence of authentic faith or not?  What is the evidence Peter gives in 2 Peter 2:10b-14 for the errors of the false teachers? How can these occur in your own life?

2. What does it mean to be “apostate”? What is the staggering reality Peter describes in 2 Peter 2:20-21 of the trajectory of professing Christians who turn apostate (teachers *or*students!)? Can a *true*Christian be apostate - use these verses as well as the others given in the message on eternal security several weeks ago (example: John 6:47, 44; Philippians 1:6, etc…), not what you *feel* to answer this? What do the proverbs of verse 22 expose of those who turn apostate? How does this truth inform our understanding of eternal security and verifying authentic faith?

***HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?***

**Confess**

1. What does 2 Peter 2:14 say are the targets of the enticements of the false teachers? How can you identify and then fortify against being characterized as one who is “unsteady”?

2. Read Numbers 22. How does the story of Balaam demonstrate how subtle inauthentic faith can be? From the story of Balaam, what is the never-changing, never-failing litmus test you can go to when evaluating how you should live and whether or not your faith is authentic?

**Renew Your Mind**

1. What are ways to develop your discernment of false teaching? Read Psalm 1. What measures can help you preserve yourself from being deceived by false teaching?

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12. What are characteristics of good teachers? How are these characteristics a direct contrast of false teachers? What is your motivation for sharing scripture with others? Does it have a similar motivation of a false teacher or a Christ-like teacher?

***Live It Out***

Examine all the voices that you are listening to (TV, books, friends, co-workers, social media, etc.) Find 3 voices in your life and diligent seek God’s Word to examine what you are hearing. Determine the fruit that is producing in your life. Change and/or influence the voice, so you will speak and live according to the truth.

***READ AHEAD***

Read John 1:1-5. What is the relationship between Jesus Christ and truth? How does that impact you in light of your identity in Christ?