- I. False teachers make worthless assurances (17–19)
 - A. They offer futility (17)
 - B. They can be persuasive (18)
 - C. They live in bondage (19)

- II. False teachers face terrible consequences (20–22)
 - A. They have resumed their worldly conduct (20)

- B. They have renounced the gospel message (21)
- C. They have revealed their inner nature (22)