

Series "Knowing And Growing In Christ"
"The Indisputable Word"
2 Peter 1:16-21
Study-4

2 Peter 1:1-15 – Peter spoke of "The Walk With God" – Now, 2 Peter 1:16-21 – Peter Speaks of "The Word of God."

2 Peter 3:3-4

In The Bible, Believers Have An Accurate, Written Revelation Of God's Truth!

Theme of 2 Peter – "Knowing And Growing In Christ."

2 Peter 1 – Faith's Convictions: Keep Following Jesus.

Thought Of The Passage: "The Reality Of Peter's Eyewitness Of Jesus Is Overshadowed By The Sure Reliability Of The Scriptures."

1. Verses 16-18 – Realities Of The Facts Of Faith

2. Verses 19-21 – Reliability Of The Facts Of Faith

1. Verses 16-18 – Realities Of The Facts Of Faith:

2 Peter 1:16 – "For" – or "Therefore, indeed, or no doubt" – Peter has just reminded the believers about the facts of faith – Verses 12-15 – Repetition Of The Facts Of Faith: (Truth) 2 Peter 1:15.

Peter's Teaching Is Under Attack: "we did not follow cleverly devised tales" – "myths, spinning out cleverly invented stories, fictitious stories."

Paul Warned Timothy – 1 Timothy 4:7; 2 Timothy 4:4.

Paul Warned Titus – Titus 1:14 – "not paying attention to Jewish myths."

"power" – Greek word "dunamis" – we get our English word dynamite, dynamic power – Revelation 19:11-20:3.

Matthew 24:30; Matthew 28:18

"coming" – is the Greek word "parousia" which is used in the NT for the Second Coming. It speaks of "a personal presence."

Jesus used it – Matthew 24:27, 37.

We Saw The Divine: "but we were eyewitnesses" – "seeing with one's own eyes."

The best way for Peter to refute these false teachers was to reveal the incarnate life of Jesus Christ!

"we were eyewitnesses" – We Saw It! – The gospels reveal that only "Peter, James and John" were witnesses; Inner Circle. Why Three Disciples? Deuteronomy 19:15

"eyewitnesses of His majesty." – "The Transfiguration of Jesus" – Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:1-9; Luke 9:28-36 – "of His majesty."

John's gospel did not record the transfiguration, but John said... – John 1:14.

Matthew 17:1-2 – "transfigured before them;" – this is the Greek word "metamorphoo" – we get the word "Metamorphous" – "to change into another form, to transform". This Is The Visible Revelation Of The Nature Of Christ.

Isaiah 53:2

Matthew 17:5 – "a bright cloud overshadowed them," – This is called the "Shekinah glory" – 58X in the Bible – Exodus 40:35.

Jesus Was Encouraging His Disciples Through A Visible Revelation Of His Divine Nature. Context of the Transfiguration; Jesus announced His suffering and death – Mark 8:31.

There was evidence Jesus was God by what He did, but there was no visible evidence by looking at Him – Hebrews 1:3.

Matthew 17:2; Mark 9:2; Luke 9:29

"and they were talking with Jesus." – Luke 9:31.

The Old Testament to the Jews was Law and Prophets. "Moses" – was speaking of the necessity of the death of Jesus for the demand of the Law. "Elijah" – was speaking of the fulfillment of the promises in Bible Prophecy.

Peter leaves the following out – Mark 9:5-6.

2 Peter 1:17

We Heard God's Voice: "For when He received honor and glory from God the Father," – the term "honor" – "the exalted status given by God the Father to the Son" – "and glory" – "heavenly radiance of the transfigured Jesus."

Matthew 17:5

"a voice came out of the cloud," – There were 3 times in the Gospels that the Father spoke from heaven:

1. At The Baptism of Jesus – Mark 1:11 – Starting Of His ministry.
2. At The Transfiguration – Mark 9:7.
3. Preparing For The Cross – John 12:28.

"This is My beloved Son" – The words of the Father affirmed that Jesus was His Son (Equal to the Father) – "with whom I am well-pleased" – This was God the Father placing His stamp of approval upon all that Jesus had taught in His ministry.

"listen to Him!" – literally, "continually listen to". Discipleship is not built on visions or on men but on God's Word – John 10:27-28.

Matthew 17:6-7

2 Peter 1:18 – "holy mountain" – because the glory of Jesus was displayed, revealed there.

2. Verses 19-21 – Reliability Of The Facts Of Faith:

2 Peter 1:19

The Sure Word: "So we have the prophetic word (Scriptures) made more sure," – "we have the word of prophecy made more sure, reliable."

The Authoritative Word: "to which you do well to pay attention" – "please pay attention to the message."

Illumination – Scripture Gives Light For Those Who Walk In The Darkness: "as to a lamp shining (Torch) in a dark place," – "dark place," – "murky, dry and dirty room, neglected (world)" – Psalm 119:105.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

"until the day dawns" – We are to rely upon the light of Scripture until it is replaced by the return of Jesus! – 1 John 3:2.

“morning star” – Venus, darkest just before dawn! Jesus is the Morning Star – Revelation 22:16.

Revelation 2:28

“arises in your hearts.” – When we believe the Scriptures and Jesus enters into our lives!

2 Peter 1:20

“that no prophecy of Scripture” – reference to the prophecies of the Old Testament. Peter later refers to the Apostle Paul’s writings as Scripture – 2 Peter 3:16.

“is a matter of one’s own interpretation” – Only place in Scripture – “to unravel a problem.” There are 2 views as to what this means:

1st View – Origination of Scripture – was never produced by the minds of men who wrote the text; No private linguistics. Prophets did not just write Scripture.

2nd View – Interpretation of Scripture – No human can interpret Scripture according to their personal whim. False teachers practiced this – 2 Peter 2:1; 3:16.

1 Peter 1:10-12 – They communicated the truth without fully understanding it!

2 Peter 1:21

“for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will,” – The Source of Scripture not The Explanation.

The Inspired Word: “but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” – Scripture came by the Holy Spirit who moved men to write the words.

“men moved” – “to bring or convey;” this word was used of sailing ships that were blown along by the wind.

There are 3 theories on the inspiration of Scripture:

1st Theory – The Dictation Theory – The Holy Spirit used human authors as secretaries through whom He dictated the Scriptures.

2nd Theory – The Verbal Plenary Theory – This theory teaches that authors were directed in their choice of words and that each part of the Bible is equally inspired.

3rd Theory – The Dynamic Theory of inspiration – The thoughts not the words are inspired.

The source of the Scriptures is the “breath” of God – 2 Timothy 3:16.

Application:

1. In The Bible, Believers Have An Accurate, Written Revelation Of God’s Truth.
2. All That Mankind Can Offer Is Human Speculation. God, In Scripture, Is The Proclamation Of Divine Revelation.
3. The Word Is Compared To A Light, Which Shines In A Dark Place, Guiding The Believer Until The Day He Will Meet His Savior Face To Face.
4. The Reality Of Peter’s Eyewitness Of Jesus Is Overshadowed By The Sure Reliability Of The Scriptures.