

Peter's First Epistle

II-PETER

CHAPTER 1:12-21

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"FAITH THAT'S GROUNDED" Pt.2

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

2 Peter 1:3

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text

1:12-21

**We Have Been Studying ...The Development of Faith
in the Life of the Believer...**

Chapter 1:1-4

"FAITH THAT GIVES LIFE"

2 Peter 1:4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Chapter 1:5-11

"FAITH THAT GROWS UP"

2 Peter 1:8

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 1:12-21 "FAITH THAT'S GROUNDED"

2 Peter 1:19

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

We Saw The Importance That God Places Upon His Word...

Psalm 138:2

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, "preached among the Gentiles", believed on in the world, received up in glory.

The Power Behind Our Preaching, Witnessing and Evangelism is the Cross of Christ

WE ARE TO BE CALLING PEOPLE TO LOOK BACK AT AN EVENT THAT CHANGE THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY

But The Cross Didn't Come by Accident

The Birth, The Life, The Death The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was all foretold in advance, prior to the event...

IT CAME BY ILLUMINATION, REVELATION & INSPIRATION
FROM GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,
unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

- *The signs and wonders through Moses weren't enough*
- *The pillar of fire and cloud by day by God wasn't enough*
- *The miracles of Jesus in Israel weren't enough*
- *The works of the apostles weren't enough*

(Even if God does something in your midst today... it will not guarantee that you will be convinced tomorrow)

The human heart cannot be converted by signs or wonders or by miracles that appear in tortilla shells... or Even Miracle Whip

1.) The Christian Faith Demands Attention vv. 12-15

Verse 12

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

Verse 13

*Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent,
to stir you up by **reminding you**,*

- The Temporalness of this earthly Life
- The Eternalness of the Heaven Life

Verse 14

*knowing that shortly I must put off **my tent**,
just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.*

Peter was soon to die - crucified, upside down in Rome

1 Corinthians 15:50-51

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

Welcome everybody to “This Old Tent”

Hi I’m Bob Vila

And Today we’ll be giving this canvas carcass a complete overhaul.

So why don’t you join me as we take a look inside...

Verse 15

Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease (departure).

2.) The Christian Faith Demands Intelligence vv. 16-18

Verse 16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

**HERE’S THE REASON WHY
PETER COULD BE SO BOLD IN HIS WITNESS**

but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Mark 9:1-8

PETER IS OF COURSE REFERRING TO HIS EXPERIENCE THAT HE WITNESSED ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Verse 17

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased "

Verse 18

And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

What Can Be More Sure Then Having an Eyewitness That?

#1 Saw the events take place

#2 Heard everything that was said

#3 Had two other eyewitnesses with him who saw the events take place and also heard everything that was said...

The Foretelling of the Event Before it Takes Place

((In a strange way...

the Bibles gives an eyewitness account of things before it happens)))

1.) The Christian Faith Demands Attention vv. 12-15

2.) The Christian Faith Demands Intelligence vv. 16-18

AND OUT TEXT THIS MORNING

3.) The Christian Faith Demands The Fact vv. 19-21

2 Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Consider With Me The Times in Which We Live,
we've advanced in medicine, in communication, in technology.....

The Fact of the Matter is:
our world is engulfed in a spiritual darkness

(JESUS CONSTANTLY WARNED US)

Matthew 7:13-15

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

(THE APOSTLE PAUL CONSTANTLY WARNED THEM)

Acts 20:29-30

"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves."

(AND... JOHN, "THE APOSTLE OF LOVE" WARNED US)

I John 2:18-19

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

The Greatest and Saddest Warning of All Came When;

Matthew 24:11-12

*"as we approach the end world... Then many false prophets will arise and they will deceive many. ¹² "And also this, because lawlessness will abound (a life not under God's control), the love of many will grow cold.
(in the church too)*

IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS "DARK NEWS" THE HOLY SPIRIT, THROUGH
PETER, GAVE US GREAT HOPE AND ASSURANCE

1.) The Bible is the Sure Word of God

vv. 19a

Verse 19

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Verse 19a

1a.) The Bible is the Authoritative Word of God vv.19a

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,

Peter's argument is this; that there will always be those who will attack the message that we proclaim (be it our personal testimony or the biblical message)...

Our foundation doesn't rest
upon our preaching ability or our personal experiences
that we have had with God

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST WAS AN AWESOME MOMENT IN PETERS LIFE... but
experiences fade, and critics would soon arise...

The Fact That Jesus Was Standing Between Two Worlds and the Father Spoke From Heaven CONFIRMED The Future....

What Will Be Your Future?

What was the future for Diana, princess of Wales?

An Example of this is:

2 Peter 3:3-4a

*knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying,
"Where is the promise of His coming?"*

What do you do then?

Isaiah 8:19-20

When men tell you (at airports that you should buy their Huri Christine flowers and their moony magazines) to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God instead? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no light in them

2 Peter 1:19 (KJV)

We have also a more sure word of prophecy;

2 Peter 1:19 (NIV)

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2 Peter 1:19 (NAS)

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John 12:47-48

"And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

John 5:22-24

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

2.) The Bible is God's Light to the World

vv. 19b

Verse 19b

2b.) The Bible is the Shining Word

vv.19b

*which you do well to heed
as a light that shines in a dark place*

Peter Saw This World as a Dark Place

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Dark GRK 850 **auchmeros** (owkh-may-ros');
to muddy up the water. an obscure view, to be murky.

Vance Havner Said;
"as we approach the end of this millennium this one thing is clear, we are a people with
more artificial light and less true illumination
then all the other people have come before us"

Go to Las Vegas - Please Don't

The Words Las Vegas in Greek mean Lost Wages in any Language

there's a lot of artificial light there... but the people are blind

I John 1:5b

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

God is light ~ The Word is light

Psalm 119:104-105

Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Verse 19c

*until the day dawns and
the morning star rises in your hearts;*

Biblical Scholars Differ here about what this verse means...

*#1 That by realizing the power of the word and its accuracy,
you'll reasonably become a Christian*

*#2 That it is a call of continuance, to keep going on - press on until.
to mature along as a Christian till the end*

#3 It's a reference to the return of Christ for you!

They all Agree on this - that it refers to a personal reality of Jesus Christ being the controlling factor in one's life - being a Christian

At Jesus' Ministry Commencement

Matthew 4:13-16

That leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: ¹⁶ The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

Why?

John 8:12

Because Jesus spoke saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

But Many Will Be In Darkness of their own Choosing

2 Peter 3:10a

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night,

1 Thessalonians 5:2,4-5

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night..... ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

3.) The Bible is the Spirit-Given Word of God vv. 20-21

☺ ☺ ☺ We Know This By Revelation ☺ ☺ ☺

Verse 20

*knowing this first,
that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private
interpretation,*

Verse 20a

3a) Above All Things, Get This Point Clear

knowing this first,

Verse 20b

3b) The Bible is THE Revelation to All Mankind

no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

((This does not forbid private study of the word at all or home fellowships))

What is implied is that no verse, passage or doctrine is independent of the rest of scripture - it all hangs together

ANOTHER TESTIMONY OF ITS ORIGIN

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

A **text** taken out of **context**, becomes a **pretext**

- this is what I want it to say
- this is what I think it says
- this is what fits the way I think

The Bible says that “This is the Way That it Is”

Verse 21

☺ ☺ ☺ We Know This By Inspiration ☺ ☺ ☺

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Verse 21

3c) The Bible Rejects Man's Authorship

for prophecy never came by the will of man,

Satan can do a lot of things, but I am convinced that prophecy is one thing that he cannot do...

That's why he keeps trying, over and over and over

He creates one cult after another and fails again and again, one after another

EUROPE and Dopescope
he creates the horoscope, trying to deceive people

He can Guess really well - because man is pretty predictable to him

The Sabena Airline Attendant “You’re a Capricorn!!!”

3d) The Bible Has “Personalized” the Message to You

LETS PLAY ARMY

if I desired to send you a message that was very important, and it was a matter of life and death that you understand the message but between you and I are enemy forces listening in... what would I do?

- I would send it in “Code”
- I would send it by “Distribution” very private we’re expecting

Very normal, very typical people were called to the ministry of God’s word

- Why not speak to us through angels?
- Why not speak to us through animals?
- Why not speak to us, face to face?

#1

why not speak to us through angels? - Because we are not angels

#2

why not speak to us through animals? - because we are not animals

#3

why not speak to us, face to face? - because it takes faith to see Him

John 4:23-24

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

²⁴ "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Verse 21

but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

3e) The Bible Denies Man's Authority

Verse 21

as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

as they were moved

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Moved *GRK 5342 phero (fer'-o);*

to bear along or to be borne aloft, to be propelled by the wind

God "Breath" the Word into the men

(Like Adam - Life Came Alone after God Breathed into him)

Luke 1:68-70

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people,

⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David,

⁷⁰ **As He spoke** by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began,

Acts 1:3

to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by **many infallible proofs**, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 3:15-16

and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Verse 21

by the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 1:10-11 NIV

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest of care,

¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances **to which the Spirit of Christ who was in them was pointing**, when He prophesied the sufferings of the messiah and the glories that would follow.

NOW HEAR THIS

The Bible Says of Itself, That it was Given, Guarded and Guaranteed
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF

It's Time to Get "Uncomfortable" for God

(In a moment you may sense an uneasiness - like someone is looking directly at you, only on the inside - that will be the Lord himself)

Acts 17:30-31

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,³¹ "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Matthew 10:32-33

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

(IT'S A COURT ROOM SCENE - THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY STANDS)

33 "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Jesus Hung a Cross 2,000 years ago
so you could stand for Him today

The Message is This;

IT COMES DOWN TO YOUR LIFE..... AND THIS BOOK

You need to repent from you sins

You need to call out to Jesus Christ

You need to obey Him at His Word

You need to be following Him every day

You need to stop playing games with God and the people around you