

Series: 2 Peter

Sermon: Grounded In Truth

Passage: 2 Peter 1:12-21 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Christians can navigate this dark world only as we pursue Christ by repeatedly going to the light of God's Word.

I. The Need for Repetition (1:12-15)

- Approx. 90% of what is heard is forgotten only 1 hour after being heard. Repetition is the key.
- Peter's goal in writing was to repeat, remind, believes of who they were, the dangers they would face and the glory to which they needed to continue pressing towards. (Deut. 6:6-9; Phil. 3:1)
- As long as Peter had breath and ink, he was committed to repeating the essential truths of the faith!

II. The Truth About the Truth (1:16-21)

- False teachers were accusing the apostles of teachings about Jesus to be that of make-believe and myth.
- Peter defends the apostolic message by way of eye witness testimony.
- Early Christian history tells us that all of the apostles, except for John, were executed for maintaining their eye witness testimony of the risen Jesus.
- He then points believers the sure testimony of written Scripture that serves as our directional light (lamp Ps. 119:105) in this world until Jesus, the Morning Star, returns!
- Isa. 55:10-11; Ps 119:89; Prov. 30:5; Matt. 5:18; Matt. 24:35; Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 are two of the most important verses in regard to the doctrine of Scripture.
 - Scripture, God's written Word, is sourced in God and not man.
 - God used human authors and human styles to produce His divine special revelation.
- False teachers deny the INSPIRATION, INERRANCY, & AUTHORITY of scripture.

III. The Doctrinal Essential

- "The Bible alone is authoritative. It is inspired and inerrant in the original documents."
- INSPIRATION - the supernatural process by which God influenced the biblical writers to record the words of Scripture, there by rendering it the Word of God.
- VERBAL INSPIRATION - all the words, word forms, combinations of words, and wording of the Bible are God's divine intention for Scripture.
- PLENARY INSPIRATION - the doctrine that divine inspiration extends equally to all parts of the Bible.
- INERRANCY - without error; the doctrine that the Bible in its original manuscripts was free from error and/or contradiction.
- AUTHORITY - the doctrine that the Bible is actually God's Word and is the only source in this day for divine revelation.

IV. Believers cannot successfully navigate this dark world apart from God's Word

1. What other things do you hold in the same regard or higher as a source for truth and direction?
2. How important is God's Word to you based on the amount of time you spend in it?
3. Let's all engage or re-engage with scripture today! How can we help you make God's Word and priority?