

GROWING ⁱⁿ GRACE GUARDED ^{by} TRUTH

Study in 2 Peter



Sermon Title: "The Glories of Christ, the Gift of His Word"

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Introduction:

Man's myths and methods are at best ineffective for spiritual growth, and at worst, deadly and destructive. God's truth is divinely inspired, historically accurate, and redemptively **powerful!** (2 Peter 2:1,3; 3:3-4; 2 Corinthians 4:2)

1) To combat deception, God's people need the clear voice of **Truth.** (v. 16-18)

Scriptures: John 1:14; Psalm 8:5; Hebrews 2:7, 9; 6:17-20; John 14:3b

- The apostles were human witnesses to a preview of the coming **Kingdom** – a divine gift of truth and glory on display.

2) To dispel confusion, God's Word provides divine **direction and **clarity.**** (v. 19)

Scriptures: Psalm 119:105; 2 Samuel 22:29; Hebrews 4:12; Proverbs 4:18-19

- It's easy to go astray and stumble in the murky confusion of this world if we don't **pay attention** to the penetrating and revealing light of God's Word.

3) To dismiss uncertainty, confidence in God's Word is of **first priority.** (v. 20-21)

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalms 111:7-8

Conclusion: It is not sufficient to affirm the authority of Scripture in theory. The benefits of Scripture are found in believing **and doing.** (James 1:21-22, 25)

Questions for further consideration:

- a. What is the significance of what Peter and the apostles saw and heard in the transfiguration of Jesus Christ? Why does it matter?*
- b. When your thoughts and life have been confusing, what ways has Scripture given you direction and clarity?*
- c. Has God's Word provided a growing expectation in your heart for the Lord's return? If so, how has the affected how you live?*
- d. How is God's Word superior to dreams, visions, and prophecies of man?*
- e. How can we grow in confidence of God's Word?*
- f. Does your life and practice affirm the authority of Scripture? In what ways?*