

God's Word: Our Foundation

Introduction: After discussing the importance of Christian growth, and how the Word of God is all we need, Peter moves on to encourage our confidence in the Bible.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word (2 Pe. 1:12-15)
- A. Remembering God's word is the \_\_\_\_\_ to success in life (Josh. 1:8; Prov. 4:21).
  - B. You cannot remember what you have not already \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 119:11).
  - C. It is the job of a pastor to remind the church of the \_\_\_\_\_ they already know.
  - D. "There is always the \_\_\_\_\_ of a preoccupied moment or a forgetful hour. So the truth must be constantly repeated" (MacDonald).
  - E. The church is \_\_\_\_\_ with many "spiritually senile" Christians (McGee).
  - F. Remembering great truths of the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ us up (2 Tim. 1:6).
  - G. "He felt the fitness of keeping them from spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ as he approached the close of his life" (MacDonald).
  - H. Peter's desire was for the believers to remember the truths he taught them long after his \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word (2 Pe. 1:16-18)
- A. Satan's goal is to destroy your \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word (Gen. 3:1, 4).
  - B. Peter makes it clear that he was not \_\_\_\_\_ things up in his writings.
  - C. Christianity is not a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. The apostles were \_\_\_\_\_ of the things they wrote and preached.
  - E. Christianity did not have a secretive, \_\_\_\_\_ beginning (Acts 26:26).
  - F. God the Father made it clear concerning His \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Matt. 3:16-17; 17:5).
  - G. "The \_\_\_\_\_ voice that ever came from heaven to earth; God is well pleased with Christ, and with us in Him" (Henry). (Eph. 1:6)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word (2 Pe. 1:19-21)
- A. After recounting his amazing \_\_\_\_\_ on the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter holds the Word of God in higher esteem than the experience he had.
  - B. God's Word is always more \_\_\_\_\_ than personal experiences (Lu. 16:31).
  - C. God's Word is the only \_\_\_\_\_ we have in this dark world.
  - D. The origin of Scripture came from God, not \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16).
  - E. We believe in verbal-plenary inspiration-- \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ are equally inspired.

Conclusion: "The Scriptures are something that we can have confidence in. No wonder the Word of God has been attacked more than anything else. If the enemy can get rid of the foundation, he knows that the building will come crashing down" (McGee).