

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 1:12-21

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2 Peter 1:12-21

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2 Peter 1:16-18

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

2 Peter 1:19-21

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; **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.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

“The best defense against false teaching is true living. A church filled with growing Christians and vibrant in their faith, is not likely to fall prey to apostates with their counterfeit Christianity. But this Christian living must be based on the authoritative Word of God. False teachers find it easy to seduce people who do not know their Bible but who seek after “experiences”. It is a dangerous thing to build on subjective experience alone and ignore objective revelation.”

COMBAT FAITH

Jude 1:3-5

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. **5** But I want to remind you, though you once knew this,

In what is uniquely biblical theology,

Is the inseparable reality between truth and experience.

Built into the revelation of Scripture, the bible

is an internal, self-correcting feature of judging all things against the Scriptures. This means that all statements, claims and experiences are validated or disqualified by the Word of God.

Acts 17:11

These (Bereans) were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched **the Scriptures** daily to find out whether these things were so.

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were **written before** were **written for** our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of **the Scriptures** might have hope.

Where Is Your Faith?

1.) Your faith is grounded in the truth

vs. 12-15

Here in Vs. 12-15 is Peter's Preamble to His Argument

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for;
it is **the evidence** of things we cannot see.

Faith (the object) is Evidence that we have (forward looking)

Where Is Your Faith?
Your Faith Is Grounded In The Truth

1a.) It is not in anything new

vs. 12-13

Verse 12-13

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Negligent: ameleo; to be careless, inattentive, causal.

Peter Had Proven Himself to be a Good Shepherd like Jesus.

Luke 22:32

But I have prayed for you Peter, that your faith should not fail; and when you have **returned** to Me, **strengthen** your brethren.”

“Peter, after you have learned what you need to learn for the both you and your fellow believers – use it always to encourage them.”

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**.

Remind: hupomimnesko; to bring up, call up, to set up or to cause to be in front of the mind. (tie on to your memory)

Ephesians 2:19-20

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

Know: eido; the firsthand “knowing” of the things you have knowledge of. It is the knowing of things that have been experienced (the faithfulness of God in everything)

Verse 12b

And that you are **established** in the **present truth**.

Established: sterizo; a resolute strength. A firm anchoring to. To tie a ship to the dock.

1 Corinthians 3:11

For no other **foundation** can anyone lay (set) than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**. (the object)

Verse 13

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

Tent: **grk skenoma**; a temporary dwelling. A makeshift shelter. A place but not a structure

Stir: **diegeiro**; *to arouse out of sleep. To (+) provoke, exhort, to (+) shake out of complacency. (+) To disturb into awareness.*

Reminding: **hupomnesis**; to run over again. To drill, to rehearse, to ingrain or etch in. (Our human need for repetition)

COMBAT FAITH

Remember Jude 1:3-4

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And it isn't in anything new

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not **another (allos - second, third, fourth...)**; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 NLT

I hope you will put up with a little more of my foolishness. Please bear with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride a to one husband - - Christ. 3 But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. 4 You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a **different** (allos – a second one) **Jesus** than the one we preach, or a **different** (heteros – like, alike) kind of **Spirit** than the one you received, or a **different** kind (heteros – like, alike) of **gospel** than the one you believed. (you may very well put up with it or tolerate it or allow it to be left as is!)

I WANT YOU TO PUT YOUR

“COMBAT FAITH”

FAITH TO WORK NOW AND THINK FOR A MOMENT.

#1

Before the birth of Jesus Christ, was there a Gospel account on record in the Bible?

Galatians 3:7-8

Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And **the Scriptures**, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached **the gospel to Abraham** beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity **between** you and the woman, and **between** your **seed** and **her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

#2

Before there was ever a Christmas Morn. Was there going to be a Bethlehem event?

Micah 5:2

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to (be) Ruler in Israel, whose **goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.**”

#3

Before there was any debate about the Deity of Jesus Christ, was there anything unusual about who this “Gospel Maker” would be?

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

John 10:22-33

Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. 24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "**How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.**" :25 Jesus answered them, "**I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.** 26 **But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.** 27 **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.** 28 **And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.** 29 **My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.** 30 **I and My Father are one.**" :31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "**Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?**" :33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "**For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**"

End of Study

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