

2 Peter 1:12-21

Remembering Truth When it Really Counts ***“...a primer to guard against false teaching”*** **Understanding our Scriptures (Part 2)**

Our Eyewitnesses (1:16-18)

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- Our Reminder (1:12-15) – To Remember
- Our Eyewitnesses (1:16-18) - The Apostles
- Our Inspiration (1:19-21) – The Holy Spirit

Today's Learning Objective:

God's plan for His people has never changed. It is that we be constantly focusing on the _____ that God has given. We need nothing _____. We need nothing _____. We need nothing _____. We need constant reminders of the _____. The testimony of _____ is fully creditable – nobody made up a story, nobody fooled them – they were there. They _____. They _____. It _____ You can _____!

The Evidences of the Truth (1:16-18)

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”— 18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

I. The Evidences of the Truth (1:16-18)

- a. In verses 12-15, Peter told his readers that his purpose for the rest of his earthly life would be to continually remind them of these great and essential truths concerning Jesus Christ – what Christ has done for them, the way they need to continue to _____ and _____ in Christ, that their lives need to be focused on the _____ of Christ in Glory to establish the Kingdom, of which they in glorified bodies, will be a part.

• **Our Foundation – Teaching of the _____ and _____**

- b. All of this has as its foundation – the _____ that what Peter says about Jesus Christ is _____. For the remainder of Chap. 1, Peter will offer them the _____
- i. Verses 16-18 - _____
- ii. Verses 19-21 - _____

- c. The facts to which the apostles and prophets testify are the _____ . This is what Peter will base his argument on.

(Eph. 2:20)

- i. Apostles were _____, His _____ and _____
- ii. Under the direction of the Spirit, God has preserved a _____ of their testimony so that we might _____
 1. Jesus is the _____

1st Line of Argument – What Peter _____ and _____ as an apostle of Jesus Christ – experienced in the context of other apostles.

Note that verse 16 begins with “*For*” – meant to connect 15 w/ 16

It is important to _____...important to be able to _____...why? Because they are true and after the apostles pass off the scene, we simply have the written record of the eyewitnesses.....!

- **Salvation Stands as a _____**

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Peter is talking about the _____. The focal point of what he will say is the culmination of our salvation.

Salvation: -Began is eternity past with the electing work of God; and accomplished in time through the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ; His resurrection and ascension into heaven; and completed in His _____.

Peter begins by saying that he and the other apostles were not tricked by clever people into believing something that men devised and made up regarding the coming of Jesus Christ.

“...*we did not follow cleverly devised tales...*” - *tales* translated is the Greek word *muthos* – or _____.

“*cleverly devised*” – conveys the idea of individuals who with cleverness of their minds and worldly wisdom concocted a fable or story that the apostles accepted as true and were now passing along and repeating.

Peter says: _____

Paul exhorts us to have nothing to do with tales or fables or myths. (1 Tim. 1:3-4, 4:7)

Why was the practice of embellishing Scripture with all kinds of tales and or myths happening? Is it prevalent in the Church today? (2 Tim. 4:3-4; Titus 1:14)

“when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,”
The word translated *made known* is used repeatedly in the NT concerning the _____ . (Rom. 16:26; 1 Cor. 15:1)

- **Christ’s _____ to Be Revealed When _____**

“...the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...” – grammatically linked and focused on one event – the power and coming. _____ *made known* to you concerning the future coming of Christ in fullness of power and _____.

Peter: “...not a story someone made up....rather we were _____.”
(v. 16)

The apostles were eyewitnesses. They saw it with their own eyes, and heard it with their own ears (v.18)

His Majesty – word that denotes _____. The reference is to the transfiguration of Christ recorded in Matt. 17, Mark 9, and Luke 9. It is the time when Christ was transfigured – underwent the transformation – and displayed His glorious power as the coming Messiah – fully manifested and made clear to Peter, James and John.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”—

Christ received honor and glory from God the Father, and was distinguished from Him. Christ was identified as God the Father’s beloved son. God the Father bestowed glory and honor upon Christ.

“...This is my beloved Son...” – Christ was clearly identified as the Messiah. (Ps. 2:6-9)
“...with whom I am well pleased.” – Christ was the One who pleases God . (Isa. 42:1)

18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

- **God Spoke for Humans to Hear**

- Matt. 3:16-17 “This is my beloved Son...” – signaled the beginning of His _____
- John 12:27-28 “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again...” - God will _____.
- Matt. 17:5 – “This is my beloved Son...listen to Him!” – Christ was the one to whom Elijah and Moses had pointed to.

Peter: Nobody made up a story, nobody fooled him – He was there, He saw it. He heard it. It happened. You can believe it!