

**GROW** IN  
THE  
GRACE &  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF  
OUR **LORD**  
& SAVIOUR  
JESUS CHRIST

2 Peter 3:18

**2 PETER**  
**COUNT ON THIS**



# 2 P E T E R

2 Pet 1:16-21

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Series – 2 Peter

Author – Peter

Audience – believers of equal standing

So Far:

Divine Power Yours

Divine Promises Given to Us

Divine Nature in You

Make Every Effort to....

- add, grow, increase in knowledge

Keep You From Being....

- ineffective, unfruitful, from falling

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Diligent to live up to your calling & election  
Reminders Matter

- easily distracted & diverted

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“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”



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<sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

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## 1. Eyewitness Testimony Trustworthy

a) clear about the power & coming of Jesus

- not a myth or made up story
- able and returning for His Church
- gk. Parousia – used 18 times in NT
- see 2 Peter 3:4,12 – return of Jesus

b) present at the Transfiguration

- accounts found in Matt. 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:27-36

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Luke 9:27-36 “But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem

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<sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.”

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- Peter experienced this revelation
- heard the voice of the Father
- assures us – this can be trusted

## 2. God Communicates Clearly

- God reveals himself & plans to us
- a) know first..... Vs.20
  - no prophecy of scripture mans ideas
  - given by God, his revelation to us
- b) prophetic word confirmed & trustworthy



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- Psalm 19:7 “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple”
- Psalm 93:5 “Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.”
- Psalm 111:7 “The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy”
- history shows prophecies fulfilled
- many eyewitnesses to Jesus birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension

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c) two images

- light shining in a dark place
- Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- day dawning, morning star rising
- Luke 1:78-79 “because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

d) Pay Attention

- watch, be alert, focus, stay aware

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## 3. God's Method of Communicating

a) spoke from God

- message originated and initiated by God himself

b) carried along by Holy Spirit

- inspired and guided by Holy Spirit
- John 16:12-13 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

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- Gal. 1:12 “<sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”

c) through men

- 2 Tim. 3:16 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

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- 1 Cor. 2:12-13 “Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.”

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## So What?

### 1. You Can Count on God's Word

- Peter an eyewitness entrusted to pass on truth guided by Holy Spirit
- God initiates and reveals himself

### 2. Study and Pay Attention

- light – reveals truth to live according to
- changes our perspective and choices

### 3. Jesus is returning for His church

- has the power to, promised to
- affects our perspectives and choices
- celebrate communion together