

Verifying Jesus

II Peter 1:12-21

1. Intro

1. The main thrust of Peters message last week was; add to your faith these things (II Peter 1:5-7)
 1. It will make you useful and fruitful. (8)
2. He then continues and wants them to remember, to be aware of their personal events with Jesus, and to know that because of what Jesus did we can be sure of the Word that is given to us.

2. Reminder (12-15)

1. Things need to be brought to our attention over and over again.
 1. Even though you are well established in the truth.
 1. Is Peter reminded of Jesus charge to him in Luke 22:32?
 2. It is the right thing to do. (13)
2. He wants them to keep these things in mind even after his departure (xf John 21:18). (14)
 1. He put pen to paper. Not only to remind them of the previous things, but of what he will say next. (15)
3. We need to be reminded also.
 1. Important to fellowship
 2. Lift each other up

3. Eyewitnesses of The Glory of Jesus (16-18)

1. We did not make up stories
 1. Many myths and fables havd arisen over the years. (Acts 5:33-37)
 2. They saw Jesus' power through miracles, the empowering of the Holy Spirit and the resurrection.
2. We were eyewitnesses
 1. Peter, James and John saw the transfiguration of Jesus. (Matt 17:1-2)
3. We heard the voice God (Matt 17:5)
4. Peter talks about an eye witness event.
5. We believe on faith.
 1. Do you believe an account of a trustworthy friend?

4. Sure Word (19-21)

1. Word made more sure

1. Because of the eyewitness account of the Glory of Jesus (and His resurrection)

1. Peter knows some of the prophecies that relate to Christ.
This event proves the prophets, making it more sure.

2. Doesn't this account validate some of Isaiah's prophetic words?

1. Isa 53

2. What was the Eunuch reading when Philip was put in his presence. (Acts 8:26-40)

2. No prophecy is of personal interpretation

1. Refers to the prophet prophesying

1. It was not his personal thoughts

2. They even searched diligently to understand their own prophecies (I Peter 1:10-12)

2. Prophecy proceeded from the Holy Spirit (21)

3. This is why we can rely upon the Word to be true.

1. It is Holy Spirit inspired.

2. It is a lamp shining in a dark place.

1. That light shows us the path but not the whole path.

3. Full revelation will come when Jesus returns. (19b)

5. Conclusion

1. We should be continually reminded of the gospel of Jesus Christ

2. Your life experience is a testimony to others

3. The prophets words verifies the events that surrounded Jesus.