

Book: 2 Peter
Series: True Faith vs. False Teaching:
Add To Your Faith, Knowledge
Lesson 8: Our Reliable Faith
Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21
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INTRODUCTION

Our passage is one of the clearest biblical passages that deals extensively with Bibliology—the doctrine of the Bible (cf. also 2 Timothy 3:16-17). 2 Peter 1:16-21 is a foundational text in which God Himself attests to the reliability of His Word (cf. Matthew 5:18; 24:35). This text is simply an echo of many Old Testament passages.

In evangelism, while the inquirer may indeed be hung up by questions about the Bible's authenticity and reliability, only God through His Word can ultimately convince the individual to claim this Book as His starting point. Therefore, God doesn't ask us to defend His Book (i.e., through the Holy Spirit, He's far more capable of doing that than we can) as much as He calls us to explain His Book and to defend from it why we have hope (cf. 1 Peter 3:15).

If this passage was not true, then our previous seven lessons would have been meaningless. On the contrary, this passage argues for its veracity, showing God's Word to be a reliable basis for our precious, productive, and remembered faith.

THE _____ OF OUR FAITH (vv. 16-19a, 20-21)

1. *Our faith is not based on _____ (v. 16).*
2. *Our faith is based on _____ (vv. 17-18).*
3. *Our faith is based on God's _____ (vv. 19a, 20-21).*

- a. *God's revelation is not from man's imagination.*
- b. *God's revelation is not from man's impulse.*
- c. *God's revelation is from God's Spirit.*

Application:

THE _____ TO OUR FAITH (v. 19)

1. *What? We should _____ its teaching...*

Application:

2. *How? As we would follow light in a gloomy place...*

Application:

3. *How long? Until it comes to completion.*

Application: