

Sermon Notes

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Main Text: II Peter 1:16-21

Aim: TO DECLARE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES....

Providence Community Church

Title: NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

--worship text: Psalm 8-

Sermon Description: Recently we have studied and expounded upon the faith supplements Peter prescribes to fortify the church from verses 5-7 of I Peter 1. Among these, there is one quality for which Peter himself is a direct source alongside other apostles and authors of scripture. While we don't look to Peter to supply us with virtue, self-control, or godliness, we do rely on him and other witnesses for knowledge. As an apostle, Peter is a witness commissioned by Jesus Himself to supply the church with knowledge of the gospel. It is obvious that Peter embraces this responsibility with utmost care, reverence, and sincerity. He understands that the church is built upon the apostolic witness to the revelation of Jesus Christ and he will suffer no imposters or corruption in this regard. Chapter 2 is a thorough repudiation of false knowledge claims by way of irreverent, opportunistic, self-styled prophets. As against the promoters of "cleverly devised myths", Peter lays out a foundation for authentic knowledge in our text today. A definition for 'epistemology' is: "The study or a theory of the nature and grounds of knowledge especially with reference to its limits and validity." In our text today, Peter presents an apostolic epistemology. A framework for legitimate gospel truth that will equip the church to remain orthodox and resolute unto the day of Christ's return. May we heed his admonition and stand in our day.

Heading: THE WEIGHT OF APOSTOLIC TESTIMONY GIVEN...

1. THE ANTITHESIS (FALSE CLAIMS) (II Pet 1:16)

a.) Examples (II Pet 3:1-5)

b.) Corroborating admonitions (I Tim 1:3-4, II Tim 4:1-5)

2. QUALIFICATIONS (16b)

a.) Eye witnesses (Deut 19:15-21, Luke 1:1-4)

b.) Appointed

3. THE REVELATION OF CHRIST (17-18)

a.) The transfiguration (Mat 17:1-8) (I Kings 19:12)

b.) Power & coming of Christ

4. STANDARD OF TRUTH (19-21)

a.) The prophetic word (Luke 24:27, 16:29-31)

b.) Pay attention (Num 24:17, Rev 22:16-17)

c.) Divine inspiration ('carried along')COMMUNION & CLOSE

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:

Myths Verses: Verses:	Qualifications Verses:	Revelation/testimony Verses:	Event Verses:	Standard Verses:	Next week
II Pet 1:16, 3:1-5	Deut 19:15-21	II Pet 1:17-18	Mat 17:1-8	I Pet 1:19-21	Ps 119:17-24
