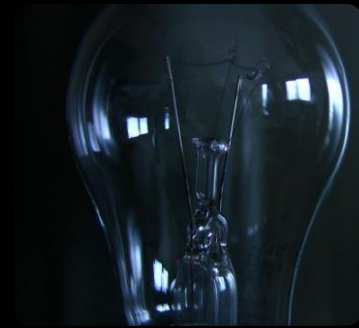


***True Knowledge:
The Antidote for
False Teaching***

A Study of 2 Peter



Introduction



- This series is a continuation of the former series on the writings of Peter.
- Peter is writing to address the threat that was growing within the church, namely that of false teachers
- *"Persecution has always cleansed and strengthened the church; false teaching weakens the church and ruins its testimony."*
- False teachers were preying on the ignorance of lazy Christians
- What you don't know can hurt you!

K.N.O.W.L.E.D.G.E.

K = Know to grow

2 Peter 1:1-11

Know God through Christ



- Peter now is writing to some second- and even third-generations of Christians
- Peter is making the point expressly clear that it is not what you know, but rather Who!
- You come to know Jesus by exposing yourself to Him and being in His presence
- The presence of Christ in the person of the Holy Spirit is wooing you into a personal relationship with God
- It is not enough simply to know about Christ; we must know Him personally

Know the 8 Qualities of Godliness



- The Christian has been born into God's family and has God's nature within
- 2 Peter 2:20-22 is where we find a description of the false Christians in Peter's day
- It is not enough to be born into God's family; we must also grow spiritually
- Peter lists the spiritual characteristics that ought to be seen in the growing believer's life
- Believers don't merely "have" these qualities; instead, they are increasing in these qualities

Know Your Calling



- What has God made you for?
- Your purpose is to build a life and a legacy that ultimately brings Him glory
- Peter wanted to rouse the lazy, complacent believers who had listened to the false teachers and believed they could live any way they wanted
- What does your life say about your faith?
- Real life begins not with what we know but who. If we are truly growing in our knowledge of Him, it will result in the cultivation of characteristics in our lives that will be reflected to others

HOMEWORK: 2 Peter 1:12-21