

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth; And in  
Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; He descended into  
hell and on the third day He rose from  
the dead;**

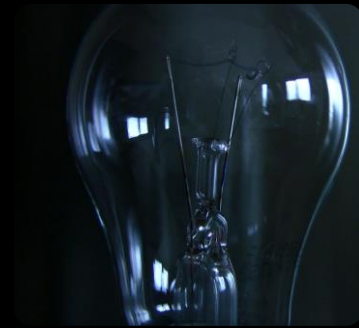
**He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

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

A Study of 2 Peter



# Introduction



- Peter is writing at the end of his life to strengthen the 1st century Christians against the coming onslaught of false teachers who were wreaking havoc in the early church.
- Many people don't know what to believe nor what they stand for
- There are things that we "need to know" which are essential.
- Peter shows us 3 necessary realities that are a crucial part of our walk toward the truth and away from falsehoods

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

K = Know to grow

N = Necessary realities (Need to know)

**2 Peter 1:12-21**

# Remind and Recall



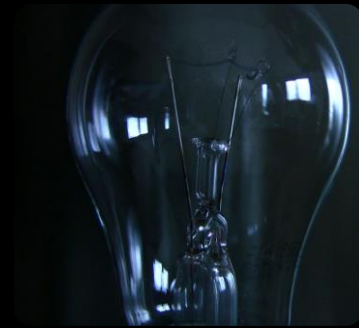
- It is imperative to make your calling and election sure as a guard against stumbling into error
- Outstanding coaches constantly review the with their teams, and athletes can execute the fundamentals consistently well
- Peter tells us how important he considers these things:
  1. They are so important that he is always going to preach and teach these things
  2. They are so important that he is going to stir believers to do them as long as he is alive
  3. They are so important that Peter is going to see that believers are stirred to do these things even after his death

# Facts Not Fables



- In this passage we get a glimpse at the false teachings of Peter's day that he was combatting
- The Gnostic teachers were either fabricating stories with the intent to deceive or they were relating actually demonically inspired supernatural happenings they had experienced
- Modern false teachers also fit in the category of cleverly contrived myths
- Peter's testimony counters the heresy of the false teachers
- Our faith is based on eyewitness accounts and validated historical truths centered on the the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ

# Written and Living



- Peter says scripture is not of any private interpretation
- 2 Peter 1:21 tells us at least 2 things:
  1. Scripture did not come from the will of man
  2. Scripture was given by the Holy Spirit
- The Bible has one central theme: Jesus Christ. He is the key to understanding what God reveals
- Jesus Christ is the living Word of God and the Bible is the written Word of God

**HOMEWORK: READ 2 Peter 2:1-9**