

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

2 Peter 1:16-21
Lesson #6
Apostolic teaching
10/24/2021

2 Peter Finding our way in a Confused World

| Salutation | Three aspects of staying on track. | | |
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| Faith and the faith | Cultivate a mature faith in sync with Scripture. | Count the cost of worldly alternatives. | Clarify true and false hope. |
| 1:1-4 | 1:5-15 1:16-21 | 2:1-22 | 3:1-18 |

Holiness

Heresy

Hope



Apostolic teaching is the foundation of the FAITH.



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2 Peter 1

“¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such a declaration as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory: “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased” — ¹⁸and we ourselves heard this declaration made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

The author of 2 Peter: claimed to be an eyewitness to the majesty of Christ.

2

2 Peter 1

“¹⁹And so we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture becomes a matter of someone’s own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

The message of the Scriptures that enlightened the heart of man did not originate from the mind of man but from God.

3

The apostolic message is what makes the Bible the Word of God.

The message is incarnate in Jesus as as the Word and Way of the Cross



and passed on by apostolic teaching.



Oral tradition

The Word of God is not a book, but rather His Son.

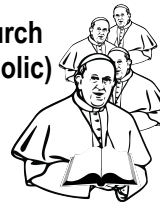


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How does the Apostolic message get to us today?

Western church (Roman Catholic)
50%

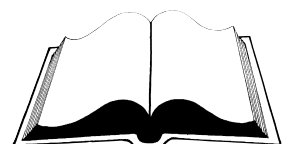
Pope



Reformation (Protestant)
37%

Eastern church (Eastern Orthodox)
12%

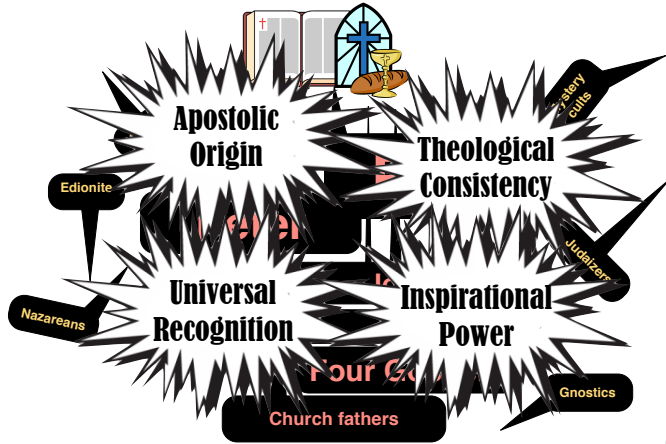
Creeds



Scripture

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The authority of the Bible lies with its message,
which is the Word & Way of the Cross.



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2 Peter

is the most contested
book in the New
Testament

Pseudepigrapha

(Greek "falsely attributed")

Texts whose claimed author is not the true author.

Many books claimed to be written by Peter but were
rejected as pseudepigrapha

Apocalypse of Peter,
Preaching of Peter,
Gospel of Peter,
Acts of Peter

2 Peter was eventually
accepted by the church
as inspired Scripture.



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A robust, healthy faith is:



✓ Intellectually convincing.

✓ Spiritually affirming.

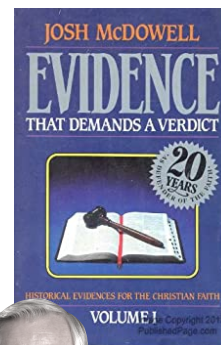
✓ Morally transforming.

✓ Socially connecting.

✓ Culturally inspiring.

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✓ Intellectually convincing.



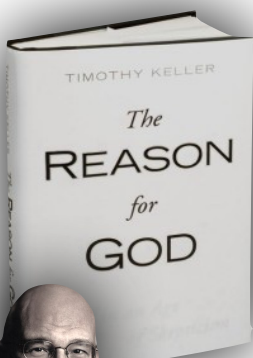
Who was Jesus?

- Liar
- Lunatic
- Lord
- Legend

The authority of the
Bible rests within its
Gospel message not
its scientific "proofs".

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✓ Intellectually convincing.



"People cannot make
sense of anything
without attaching it
to a story line."

We have
Clues & Evidence
(not Proofs)

Proofs come with
Context & Commitment.

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The broken world
around us



feel the
pain

The apostolic message
of HOPE before us



The Image of
God within us



see the
light

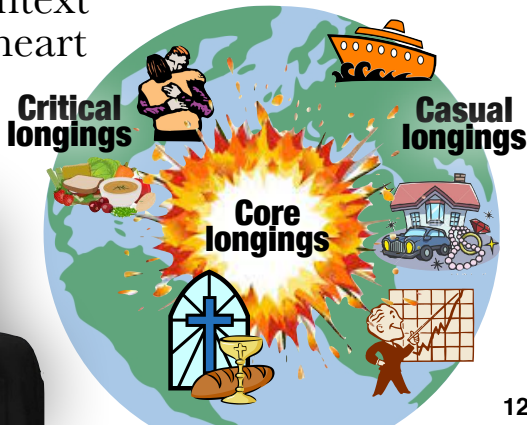
The core of human dignity
The basis of social ethics
The antenna of our soul
The root of our longings
The desire of our heart

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✓ Spiritually affirming.

The context
of the heart

Larry Crabb



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"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus."

Blaise Pascal



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The Message

From Hunger to Heaven via Hope

"seek
and you
will find"

Heaven



Hope



Hunger



"he who has
ears to hear,
let him hear"



"come onto
me, you who
are weary"

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May I have your
please?

ATTENTION!



- ★ meaningless suffering
- ★ hopeless anxiety
- ★ loving sacrifice

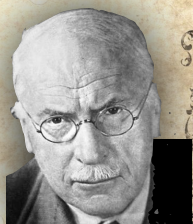
Do we have

"ears to hear"?

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"There is no coming
to consciousness
without pain."

Carl Jung



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"I remembered this basic
religious principle that God
isn't there to take
away our suffering
or our pain but
to fill it with his
presence."

Anne Lamott



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“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

C.S. Lewis

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The Word and Way of the Cross is the Apostolic Message.

1 Corinthians 1

“23 but **we preach Christ crucified**, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

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Paul’s Gospel is centered in the death and resurrection of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15

“1 Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you**, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

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The great symbols of the faith ARE



The Cross



The Lord's Supper

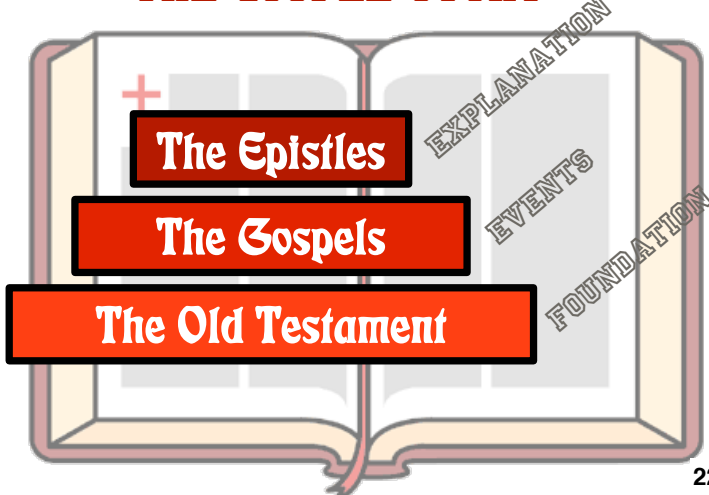


Baptism

reminding us of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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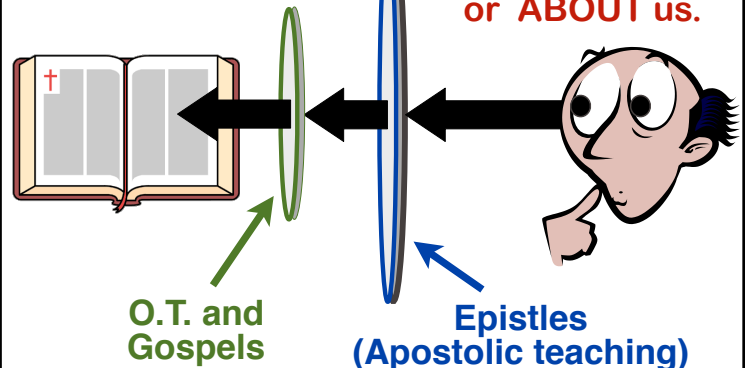
THE GOSPEL STORY



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We read the Bible
through a lens.

All Scripture is
written FOR us
but not TO us
or ABOUT us.



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Jesus promised the Apostles that the coming Holy Spirit would bring **more revelation and understanding.**

John 16:13

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth;** . . . and He will disclose to you what is to come.”



Old Testament - Gospels

Paul's Gospel

Acts - Epistles

Old Covenant

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The Apostles saw the coming of the Holy Spirit as **the beginning of the Gospel community.**

Acts 11:15

“And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us **at the beginning.**”



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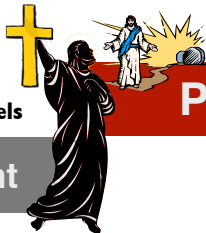
Old Covenant

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Paul understood his Gospel to have been a **mystery until his day.**

Ephesians 3:3-5

“that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, . . . which **in other generations was not made known** to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;”



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2 Peter 1

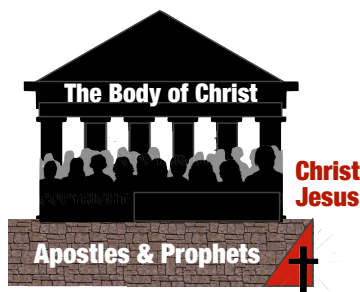
“12 Therefore, I will always be ready to **remind** you of these things, even though you *already* know *them* and have been established in the truth which has come with you. 13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to **stir you up by way of reminder**, 14 knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made known to us. And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure **you will be able to recall these things to mind.**”

**Apostles
Remind
Disciples
Recall**

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Ephesians 2

“20 having been built on the **foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.”



The apostles' teaching is the foundation of the FAITH (noun) for all who have ears to hear.

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Conclusions

- Listen to the deepest longings of your heart.
- Listen to the message of Scripture.
- Respect the challenge to properly discern the meaning of Scripture.
- Realize that **Biblical inerrancy is not the foundation of Christianity.**
Respect the nature and limits of historical critical approaches to the Bible.

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