

SERMON OUTLINE

TRUTH OVER TREND

2 PETER 1:16-21

MAY 29TH, 2022

FIVE REASONS THE NEW TESTAMENT IS TRUSTWORTHY

1. The NT writers included embarrassing details about themselves
2. The NT writers included difficult sayings of Jesus
3. The NT writers included more than 30 historically confirmed people in their writings
4. The NT writers included culturally unpopular events related to the resurrection
5. The NT writers did not deny their testimony under persecution or threat of death

THREE REASONS FOR THE CENTRALITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

1. The Scriptures are trustworthy: vs. 16-18
2. The Scriptures are sufficient: vs. 19
3. The Scriptures are authoritative: vs. 20-21

"People generally think: 'If I had an opportunity to hear God speak in person, I would run my feet bloody' ... But you now have the Word of God and this is God's Word as surely as if God Himself were speaking to you." - Martin Luther

Hebrews 4:12-13: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

2 Timothy 4:3-4: "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." -

Ezekiel 3:1-3: "And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey."

Jeremiah 15:16: "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name."

Revelation 10:9-10: "So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter."

"True Bible-readers and Bible-searchers never find it wearisome. They like it least who know it least, and they love it most who read it most. They find it newest who have known it longest, and they find the pasture to be the richest whose souls have been the longest fed upon it. Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years." – Charles Spurgeon

BENEDICTION: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." – James 1:22-25