

Second Peter Lesson #5

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2 Peter 1:16-21

- 2 Peter 1:16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. NIV






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- Peter had just finished saying how he would keep reminding his audience of the realities of the gospel.
 - He now underscores why – because the message of the gospel as carried forth by the apostles was true and first hand.
 - Peter declares that he was an eye witness to the person of Jesus, the miracles of Jesus, and the resurrection of Jesus.
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- Peter tells his readers that he stood on the mountain with Jesus and watched him be changed right before his eyes.
 - He saw Jesus stand and talk with Moses and Elijah and actually heard the voice of the Father endorse Jesus as His son.
 - Peter declares “this is not theoretical or hypothetical, but actual”.
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- How would our lives be different if we had actually seen the resurrected Jesus?
 - Would we find Him dominating our thoughts, motives, and actions?
 - John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." NIV
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- Peter says that all of the prophecies regarding Messiah were validated in Jesus – they were made “more sure”.
- In fact, Peter explains for us the origin of prophecy and how it came to be – the sense we get is that those who penned the scriptures were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- Phero – to bear or carry.





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- Those who wrote the scriptures were not put into some robotic trance as they wrote, they had full control of their mental faculties.
 - They were however, influenced heavily by the Holy Spirit and some express this as being ‘carried along’ as they wrote what God had spoken to them.
 - God superintended the writing of the scriptures through his Holy Spirit.
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- John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. NIV – God has made it clear with many scriptures that his word is inspired.
- Inspired ‘God-breathed’ – We believe the scriptures are inerrant in their original texts.
- Many argue against the Bible being God’s literal word to us, but they begin from a position of unbelief just like we begin from a position of belief.





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- Peter also speaks of a lamp shining in a dark place - Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. NIV
 - We live in a dark place and people are amazed at how the Bible speaks to today's issues when we read it.
 - All of America's problems have a scriptural remedy because it is living, powerful, and profitable for instruction and correction.
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- 2 Peter 1:19 - until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. NIV
- The word translated 'Morning Star' literally means 'light bringer'. (same root word for light below)
- John 9:5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." NIV
- Matt 5:14 "You are the light of the world." NIV






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- Conclusion – we are to be ‘light bringers’ to our world.
 - Whether the subject is finances, marriages, employee/boss relationships, or whatever the Bible has light for the subject at hand.
 - Matt 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. NIV
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- II Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - I Thes 2:13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe
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The Scriptures

- ***Revelation*** – The scriptures reveal God.
 - ***Inspiration*** – The recording of the truth was done under divine superintendence.
 - ***Authority*** – The bible has authority from God that is binding upon man.
 - ***Inerrancy*** – The infallibility of scripture extends to all aspects of life including science, history, and morality.
 - ***Illumination*** – The same Holy Spirit who gave light to authors as they wrote gives light to the readers as well.
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Questions / Comments

