

**The Letter of 2 Peter: The Certainty of God's Promises**  
**2 Peter 1:16-21**

*In Scripture we have the foundation documents of Christianity, the charter of the church, the title deeds of faith. For no other literature can such a claim be made, and when that claim is made it is not made merely for a collection of ancient writings. For in the Scriptures the very voice of God continues to be heard. (FF Bruce)*

**5 Observations to Grow Your Faith in God's Promises from 2 Peter 1:16-21**

1. The Bible is totally true and is no man's creation. (v. 16)

2. The Bible is totally true because it is inspired and God-breathed. (vv. 17-18)

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)*

*Inspiration is a divine act creating an identity between a divine word and a human word. (John Frame)*

3. The Bible's truthfulness is culminated in the person and work of Jesus Christ. (vv. 18-19)

*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (Hebrews 1:1-4)*

4. The Bible's truthfulness reminds us of the urgency of eternity. (v. 19)

*Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, <sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. (Joel 2:1-2)*

5. The Bible's truthfulness points toward God's ultimate purpose of His glory and our good. (vv. 20-21)

### **Practical Ways to Live with Greater Trust in God's Promises**

- Individually
  - Study the Bible
  - Pray the Bible
  - Memorize the Bible
- Corporately
  - Prioritize it in family time.
  - Commit yourselves to biblical community.
  - Serve our church faithfully.