1 2 Peter Study

Men of Grace

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2 Peter 1:12 - 21

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2 Quick Facts

Date: A.D. 64 - 65

Author: The apostle Peter

From:

The same churches (mostly Gentile) as 1 Peter, in Northern Turkey founded by Paul and To:

his disciples

1. Peter is preparing to die (1:14) Occasion:

churches 2. False teachers were threatening the

a. They were "antinomian" (lawless)

b. They denied the Second Coming

of Christ

4 麗 Tentative Outline

1:1-2 Greeting

1:3-11 God grace is the foundation for spiritual growth and perseverance Second Coming

Peter's reminder of the truth of Christ's 1:12-21

false teachers 2:1-22 The reality, nature and judgment of the

Christ's Second Coming 3:1-10 Peter's reminder of the certainty of

we look forward to Christ's Second 3:11-18 Encouragement to live godly lives as Coming and the Day of the Lord

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Main Idea:

- The Apostle Peter vigorously reminds us of the truth of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 1:12-15:
- We need to be constantly reminded of the fundamental truths of the faith.
- 1:16-18:
- The truth of Christ's Second Coming is based on eyewitness testimony.
- 1:19-21:
 - The truth of Christ's Second Coming is based on prophetic Scripture.

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THE DAY OF THE LORD

- 1) The Scriptures (particularly the O.T.) point toward a coming and future "Day of the Lord".
- 2) In the O.T. the "Day of the Lord" is a time of both judgment and salvation, when those who oppose God will be punished and those who trust Him will be delivered.



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3. While the Day of the Lord can sometimes refer to past events in Israel's history, it often foreshadows a future and final Day of Reckoning for the world (See Acts 2:20; 2 Cor 1:14; I Thess 5:2). It will take place when Christ, the Messiah, returns.

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4a.2 Peter 3:10-12 describes the Day of the Lord.

4b. Ezekiel 37:24-28 and Isaiah chapters 11 and 12 describe God's blessings on the "Day" the Messiah, David's descendant, returns.

4c.Most of the O.T. references to the Day of the Lord emphasize judgment for those who oppose God. See Joel 1:15; 2:1,11,31; 3:14.

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1) <u>Revelation</u> is defined as that act of God whereby He discloses Himself or communicates truth to the mind, whereby He makes clear to His creation that which could not be known in any other way. That revelation may occur in a single instantaneous act, or it may extend over a period of time; and this communication of Himself and His truth may be perceived by the human mind in varying degrees of fullness.

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2) <u>General Revelation</u> is God revealing certain truths and aspects of His nature to all humanity. General revelation is essential and preliminary to special revelation, but is not adequate to procure salvation.

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2a. Nature

(e.g. Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:18-21)

2b. God's providential control.

(Matt 5:45; Acts 14:15-17)

2c. Conscience

(Romans 2:14-15)

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3. <u>Special Revelation</u> is restricted to Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. Since all that is known of Christ is through the Scriptures, it can be said that special revelation is restricted to the Scriptures.

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3a. Special Revelation has been necessitated because of man's sinful state. In order to restore fallen humanity to fellowship with Himself it was essential that God reveal the way of salvation and reconciliation; so the essence of special revelation centers on the person of Jesus Christ.

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3b. Because the Bible "God-breathed" (2 Tim 3:16) and written by men "carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21), the Bible is entirely reliable and accurate in its portrayal of Jesus Christ.

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3c. Special revelation in Scripture is given in propositional statements; in other words, it comes from outside of man, not from within man (contrast Neo-orthodoxy, which only considers revelation actual when an individual has an existential and experiential encounter with Christ – very subjective and more focus on man).

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4. <u>Inspiration</u> is necessary to preserve the revelation of God. Inspiration guarantees the accuracy of the revelation.

4a. <u>Definition of Inspiration</u>. The Holy Spirit's superintending over the writers so that while writing according to their own styles and personalities, the result was God's Word written – authoritative, trustworthy and free from error in the original manuscripts.

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- 4b. Key Elements of Inspiration:
- (i) the divine element God the Holy Spirit superintending the writers, ensuring the accuracy of the writing;
- (ii) The human element human authors wrote according to their individual styles and personalities;
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(iii) The result of the divine human authorship is the recording of God's truth without error;

(iv)Inspiration extends to the selection of words by the writers; (v)Inspiration relates to the original manuscripts.

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- 4c. Key Verses:
 - **2** Timothy 3:16
 - 2 Peter 1:21
 - Matthew 5:17 18
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- 5. Inerrancy means that when all the facts are known, the Scriptures in their original autographs and properly interpreted will be shown to be wholly true in everything they teach, whether that teaching has to do with doctrine, history, science, geography, geology, or other disciplines or knowledge.
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- Syllogism God is true (Rom. 3:4); the Scriptures were breathed out by God (2 Tim 3:16); therefore, the Scriptures are true (since they came from the breath of God who is true).
- Explanation of Inerrancy
 - (i) Inerrancy allows for variety in style;
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(ii)Inerrancy allows for variety in details in explaining the same event; (iii)Inerrancy does not demand verbatim report of events; (iv)Inerrancy allows for departure from standard forms of grammar; (v)Inerrancy allows for problem passages;

(vi)Inerrancy demands that the account does not teach error or contradiction.

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5c. Problems in Rejecting Inerrancy

(i) Errantists conclude that chronological, historical and geographical errors can still teach truth. But frequently these are intertwined with significant theological truths, e.g. Adam in Romans 5:12-21. If Adam is not historical the analogy between Adam and Christ breaks down. Basically, if the Bible cannot be trusted in matters of chronology, history, and geography, it cannot be trusted with the message of salvation.

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- (ii) Errantists disagree on a list of errors. Adam and Eve? Jonah and the fish? Jesus walking on water? The historical resurrection? Who decides? Makes man the final arbiter of what is error and what is not!
- (iii)Errancy impugns the character of God. If the Scriptures contain errors the God who breathed out the Scriptures erred!
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- 6. Canon. The word "canon" is used to describe the inspired books. The religious councils did not <u>cause</u> books to be inspired; rather they simply <u>recognized</u> that which God had inspired at the exact moment when the books were written. God superintended the process by which the people of God, through their religious councils, recognized which books were inspired and included in the canon of Scripture - the 39 books of O.T. and the 27 books of the N.T.
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- 7. Illumination of the Bible.
- 7a. <u>Definition of Illumination</u>. The ministry of the Holy Spirit whereby He enlightens those who are in a right relationship with Him to comprehend the written Word of God.
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7b. Need of Illumination. Since the Bible is God-breathed and therefore in an entirely different dimension from other literature, it is necessary that man receives God-given help in understanding the Bible (1 Cor 2:11). Non-believer's sin-darkened mind cannot apprehend spiritual truths (1 Cor 2:14). So the work of illumination is necessary to enable us to comprehend God's Word (Luke 24:44-45).

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7c. <u>Process of Illumination</u>. At the moment of salvation the believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit who then takes the truths of God in the Bible and illuminates them to the believer (1 Cor. 2:9-13).

29 Discussion Questions

Questions of the day:

- 1. Discuss the doctrine of the "inspiration of the Bible". Can you articulate to each other how it relates to revelation, inerrancy, canonicity and illumination? Can you explain this to your wife and/or children?
- 2. In light of verse 21 (and 2 Timothy 3:16) how important should Bible study (and Bible obedience) be to us? How can you personally respond to this truth?

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