

We Believe in God's Holy Word -  
The Bible

2 Peter 1:16-21



# The Bible

- Only 20% of Americans believe the Bible is the actual Word of God to be taken literally.
- Only 40% of born-again believers believe the Bible to be the actual Word of God to be taken literally.
- Accepting the Bible literally comes at a counter cultural and often a personal cost.
- The central message of 2 Peter is the certainty of Jesus coming again.
- Jesus' transfiguration had more to do with His second coming than with His resurrection.
- Jesus enabled Peter, James, and John to catch a glimpse of what His glory will look like when He returns.



# The Holy Scriptures

- There is more prophecy in the Old Testament about Jesus' second coming than about His first coming.
- All of God's revelation is before us in the written Word.
- The Word we have in our hands came from God as all Scripture originated with God, not man.
- God is the originator of all Scripture and men wrote as they were moved by the Spirit of God.
- The prophets wrote as God directed, many not even understanding the significance or meaning of their words.
- Because all the Bible came from God, it is without any errors in all areas.

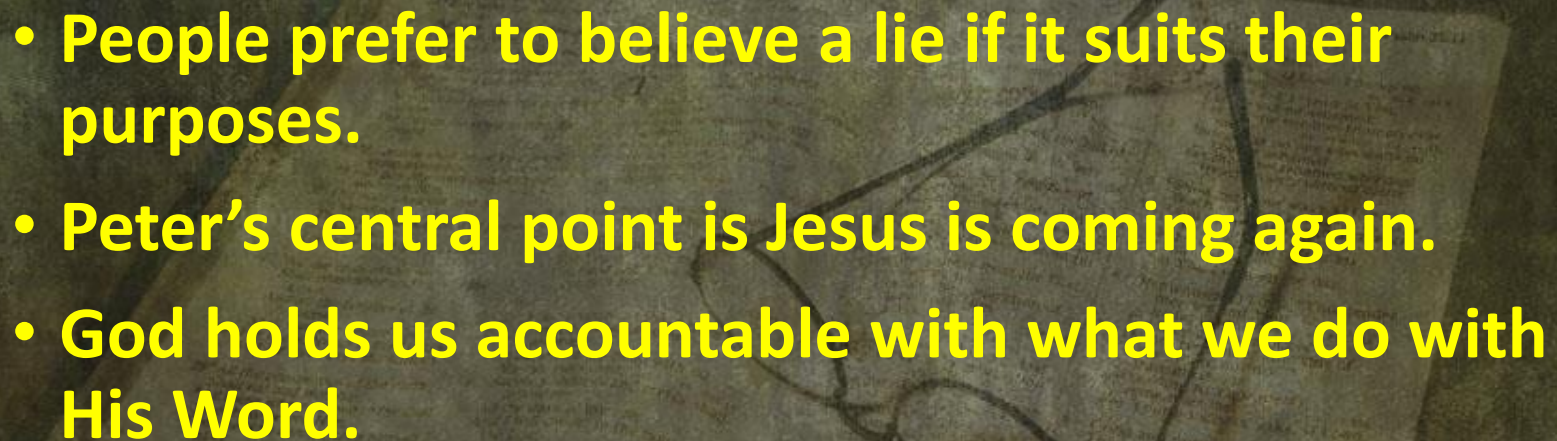


# Interpretation of the Holy Scriptures

- There are two parts to the Holy Scriptures:
  - The writing of the Scriptures which came straight from God.
  - The proper interpretation which also must come from God.
- The Scriptures are not a matter of one's own interpretation.
- We are not free to interpret the way we want but only under direction of the Holy Spirit.
- To one without the Holy Spirit of God, the Bible is meaningless, outdated, and of no use.



# Conclusion

- People prefer to believe a lie if it suits their purposes.
  - Peter's central point is Jesus is coming again.
  - God holds us accountable with what we do with His Word.
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- An open book with a pair of glasses resting on it, set against a dark, textured background. The book is open to two pages, and the glasses are placed across the center. The background is a dark, mottled green and brown texture, possibly a book cover or a wall.