

Fundamentals of the Faith and False Doctrines Series  
Message 2: The Inspiration and Foundational Nature of Scripture

2 Pet 1:15-21

1<sup>st</sup> song: I've anchored in Jesus

Being anchored in Jesus

- I. **Peter expresses the need to stay true** in a relationship with God; 3:17 fall from steadfastness
  - A. **So you'll be fruitful in walking with God;** 2 pet 1:8-9
  - B. **So you'll be sure to enter the kingdom of God** 2 pet 1:10-11
- II. **Peter Highlights 2 things** that are very important
  - A. **Personal experience with the savior** not just proper doctrine
    1. knowledge of our Lord 1:2 1:8 3:18 Grow in grace
  - B. **Proper regard for the Scripture**
    1. **Peter elevates the Word of God to its proper position** of superior to personnel experience
      - a. 1:19 more sure = stable, trustworthy firm
      - b. 2 Pet 3:15-16 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction
    2. **Peter elevates the Son of God's person & work** of Christ  
2 Pet 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you (*in the professing church*), who privily shall bring in (*subtly or sneakily introduce*) damnable heresies, even denying (*rejecting*) the Lord that bought them, (*so these damnable heresies result in a rejection of Christ*) and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of
- I. **Seven Fundamental Truths about Christ** are very important? It is especially important with regard to:
  - A. **Cult recognition:** A firm grasp on these truths is essential if one is to be able to recognize the cults.
    1. If an organization, movement or church does not get the person and work of Christ correct Biblically, nothing they may get right really matters.
      - a. 2 Jn 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
    2. All major false teaching is rooted in a wrong (unbiblical) understanding of who Christ is and what He has done.
  - B. **Christ rejection:** To reject these truths about Christ is to reject Christ Himself.
    1. Sadly the Bible foretells an apostasy, by the much of the professing church, which is occurring in these last days.
      - a. Apostasy = (dict) a renunciation of a religious faith; an abandonment of a previous loyalty; a defection (from the truth)
      - b. This apostasy is a **rejection of Christ, in large part as a result of false teachings about the person and work of Christ.** So it is a defection from truth and a rejection of Jesus
        - (1) Jude 1:3-4 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for

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the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- (2) II Jn 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
- (3) II Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- (4) 2 Tim 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

II. The truths concerning Christ which we will study are indisputable and must be accepted by all true Christians.

1. Deity
2. Eternal pre-existence
3. Virgin birth
4. Sinless life and nature
5. Complete atonement for sin
6. Bodily resurrection
7. Physical Return (Second Coming)