

GROWING IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST |

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Peter has two major purposes on his mind as he writes his second letter. First, he wants believers to continue to grow in Jesus Christ. Secondly, he wants them to be careful not to be led away by false teachers, who want to hi-jack their faith for their own selfish gain. As Peter is writing, the Holy Spirit is directing him and guiding him. Today's passage makes this as clear as ever. So as Peter is writing to a group of specific churches in the First Century, the Holy Spirit is directing him to write in a way that both you and I can be spiritually transformed. As the Lord applies Peter's words to us, we grow closer to Jesus spiritually while at the same time avoid being led astray by competing philosophies, religions, or worldviews. In this passage there is a sense that Peter is telling us to PAY ATTENTION! What does he want to make sure we do not miss?

1. The biblical accounts of Jesus and prophecy of his coming return are _____ and not made up _____ or _____. Peter can attest to this as someone who _____ Jesus and was an _____ of God, the Father declaring Jesus' identity. 1:16-18
2. We have a thoroughly _____ in the Bible that we need to _____ to as it attests to who Jesus is. 1:19
3. We must know that _____ or even a group of _____ did not decide to write the Bible. The _____ is the author, superintendent, originator, and producer of the Scripture. *(Forty plus authors wrote 66 books in three different languages on three different continents, over approximately 1600 years speaking God's word and being directed and kept on course by God, the Holy Spirit.)* 1:20-21