

2 Peter

The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (2 Peter 1:16-21)

Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize).

Read: The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (1:16-21)

Greeting the Faithful

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

Fruitful Growth in the Faith

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peter's Approaching Death

12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*, 14 knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

The Trustworthy Prophetic Word

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Explain: The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (1:16-21)

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Peter is still addressing believers in today's text.

What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), **will** (21), Lord (15), I/me/my (12), day (9), Jesus (9), **know**/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6), heavens (5), Savior (5), speak/speaking (5), way (5), world (5), earth (4), glory (4), godliness (4), judgment (4), promise (4), water (4), lust/lusts (4)

What are the most repeated words in this text?

Our/we (6), he/him/his (4), came (3), holy (3), **prophecy**/prophetic (3), you/your (3), glory (2), God (2), I/my (2), never (2), voice (2)

What do the words mean?

16 For we did not follow [aorist active participle; to follow out, i.e., (figuratively) to imitate, obey, yield to: follow; used in **1:16; 2:2, 15**] **cunningly devised** [*sophizo*; perfect passive participle; to render wise; in a sinister acceptance, to form "sophisms," i.e., continue plausible error: cunningly devised, make wise] **fables** [*mythos*; a tale, i.e., fiction ("myth"): fable] **when we made known** [aorist active indicative; to make known; subjectively, to know: certify, declare, make known, give

to understand, do to wit, wot] **to you the power** [*dynamis*; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work; used in **1:3, 16; 2:11** **and coming** [*parousia*; a being near, i.e., **advent** (often, return; specially, of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physically, aspect: coming, presence; used in **1:16; 3:4, 12** **of our Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir; used in **1:2, 8, 11, 14, 16; 2:9, 11, 20; 3:2, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18** **Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation;" used in **1:1** (twice), **2, 8, 11, 14, 16; 2:20; 3:18** **Christ** ["anointed;" used in **1:1** (twice), **8, 11, 14, 16; 2:20; 3:18**], **but were** [aorist passive deponent participle; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e., (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): arise, be assembled, be(-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought; used in **1:4, 16, 20; 2:1, 20** **eyewitnesses** [a looker-on: eye-witness] **of His majesty** [*megalotes*; superbness, i.e., glory or splendor: magnificence, majesty, mighty power]. **17 For He received** [second aorist active participle; to take (in very many applications, literally and figuratively (properly objective or active, to get hold of)): accept, be amazed, assay, attain, bring, catch, come on, forget, have, hold, obtain, receive, take (away, up); used in **1:9, 17** **from God** [*theos*; a deity, especially the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: God, god(-ly, -ward); used in **1:1, 2, 17, 21; 2:4; 3:5, 12** **the Father** [*pater*; a "father" (literally or figuratively, near or more remote): father, parent; used in **1:17; 3:4** **honor** [*time*; a value, i.e., money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: honor, precious, price, some] **and glory** [*doxa*; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): dignity, glory(-ious), honor, praise, worship; used in **1:3, 17** (twice); **2:10; 3:18** **when such a voice** [*phone*; a tone (articulate, bestial or artificial); by implication, an address (for any purpose), saying or language: noise, sound, voice; used in **1:17, 18; 2:16** **came** [aorist passive participle; to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold; used in **1:17, 18, 21** (twice); **2:11** **to Him from the Excellent** [befitting greatness or magnificence (majestic): excellent] **Glory** [*doxa*; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): dignity, glory(-ious), honor, praise, worship; used

in **1:3, 17** (twice); **2:10; 3:18**: **"This is** [present indicative; he (she or it) is; also (with neuter plural) they are: are, be(-long), call, come, consists, follow, (that) is (to say), make, means, profit, remains, wrestle; used in **1:9, 14, 17; 3:4, 16** **My beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved: (dearly, well) beloved, dear; used in **1:17; 3:1, 8, 14, 15, 17** **Son** [used very widely of immediate, remote or figuratively, kinship: child, foal, son], **in whom I am well pleased** [aorist active indicative; to think well of, i.e., **approve** (an act); specially, to approbate (a person or thing): think good, (be well) please(-d), be the good (have, take) pleasure, be willing]." **18 And we heard** [*akouo*; aorist active indicative; to hear (in various senses): give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), (shall) hear(-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand] **this voice** [*phone*; a tone (articulate, bestial or artificial); by implication, an address (for any purpose), saying or language: noise, sound, voice; used in **1:17, 18; 2:16** **which came** [aorist passive participle; to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold; used in **1:17, 18, 21** (twice); **2:11**] **from heaven** [the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specially, the Gospel (Christianity): air, heaven(-ly), sky; used in **1:18; 3:5, 7, 10, 12, 13** **when we were** [present participle (repeatedly were); being: be, come, have; used in **1:18; 2:11** **with Him on the holy** [*hagios*; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint; used in **1:18, 21** (twice); **2:21; 3:2, 11** **mountain** [a mountain (as lifting itself above the plain): hill, mount(-ain)].

19 And so we have [present active indicative; to **hold** (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possession; ability, continuity, relation, or condition): be (able, possessed with), accompany, begin to amend, can(-not), count, diseased, do + eat, enjoy, fear, following, have, hold, keep, lack, go to law, lie, must needs, of necessity, need, next, recover, reign, rest, return, take for, tremble, uncircumcised, use; used in **1:15, 19; 2:14** (twice), **16** **the prophetic** [*prophetikos*; pertaining to a foreteller ("prophetic"): of prophecy, of the prophets] **word** [*logos*; something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specially, (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e., Christ): account, cause, communication, doctrine, fame, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, reckon, remove, say(-ing), shew, speech, talk, thing, none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work; used in **1:19; 2:3; 3:5, 7** **confirmed** [stable (literally or figuratively): **firm**, of force, steadfast, sure; used in **1:10, 19**], **which you do** [present active indicative; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct): abide, agree, appoint, band together, be, bear, bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, content, continue, deal, without

any delay, (would) do(-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, keep, lay wait, lighten the ship, make, none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, have purged, purpose, put, raising up, shew, spend, take, tarry, transgress the law, work, yield; used in **1:10** (twice), **15, 19** **well** [well (usually morally): (in a) good (place), honestly, recover, (full) well] **to heed** [present active participle (**repeatedly** heed); (figuratively) to hold the mind towards, i.e., pay attention to, be cautious about, apply oneself to, adhere to: (give) attend(-ance, -ance at, -ance to, unto), beware, be given to, give (take) heed (to unto); have regard] **as a light** [a portable lamp or other illuminator (literally or figuratively): candle, light] **that shines** [present middle or passive participle (**repeatedly** shines); to lighten (shine), i.e., show (transitive or intransitive, literal or figurative): appear, seem, be seen, shine] **in a dark** [properly, dirty, i.e., (by implication) obscure: dark] **place** [*topos*; a spot (general in space, but limited by occupancy), i.e., location (as a position, home, tract, etc.); figuratively, condition, opportunity; specially, a scabbard: coast, license, place, quarter, rock, room, where], **until the day** [day, i.e., (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours; figuratively, a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context): age, alway, (mid-)day (by day, (-ly)), for ever, judgment, (day) time, while, years; used in **1:19; 2:8** (twice), **9, 13; 3:3, 7, 8** (twice), **10, 12, 18** **dawns** [aorist active subjunctive; to glimmer through, i.e., break (as day): dawn] **and the morning star** [*phosphoros*; light-bearing ("phosphorus"), i.e., (specially), the morning-star (figuratively): day star] **rises** [aorist active subjunctive; to (cause to) arise: (a-, make to) rise, at the rising of, spring (up), be up] **in your hearts** [*kardia*; the heart, i.e., (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle: (broken-)heart(-ed); used in **1:19; 2:14**]; **20 knowing** [present active participle (**repeatedly** knowing); to "know" (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed): allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know(-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand; used in **1:20; 3:3**] **this first** [*proton*; firstly (in time, place, order, or importance): before, at the beginning, chiefly (at, at the) first (of all); used in **1:20; 3:3**], **that no prophecy** [*propheteia*; prediction (scriptural or other): prophecy, prophesying; used in **1:20, 21**] **of Scripture** [*graphe*; a document, i.e., holy Writ (or its contents or a statement in it): scripture; used in **1:20; 3:16**] **is** [present middle or passive deponent indicative; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e., (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): arise, be assembled, be(-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, sound, be

taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought; used in **1:4, 16, 20; 2:1, 20**] **of any private** [pertaining to **self**, i.e., one's own; by implication, private or separate: when they were alone, apart, aside, due, his (own, proper, several), home, (her, our, thine, your) own (business), private(-ly), proper, severally, their (own); used in **1:20; 2:16, 22; 3:3, 16, 17**] **interpretation** [**explanation**, i.e., application: interpretation; see **Nehemiah 8:1-8**], **21 for prophecy** [*propheteia*; prediction (scriptural or other): prophecy, prophesying; used in **1:20, 21**] **never came** [aorist passive indicative; to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold; used in **1:17, 18, 21** (twice); **2:11**] [not translated in the NKJV: indefinite adverb, at some time, ever: afore-(any, some-)time(-s), at length (the last), (n-)ever, in the old time, in time past, once, when; used in **1:10, 21**] **by the will** [a determination (properly, the thing), i.e., (actively) **choice** (specially, purpose, decree; abstractly, volition) or (passively) inclination: desire, pleasure, will] **of man** [man-faced, i.e., a human being: certain, man; used in **1:21** (twice); **2:16; 3:17**], **but holy** [*hagios*; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint; used in **1:18, 21** (twice); **2:21; 3:2, 11**] **men** [man-faced, i.e., a human being: certain, man; used in **1:21** (twice); **2:16; 3:17**] **of God** [*theos*; a deity, especially the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: God, god(-ly, -ward); used in **1:1, 2, 17, 21; 2:4; 3:5, 12**] **spoke** [aorist active indicative; to talk, i.e., utter words: preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter; used in **1:21; 3:16**] **as they were moved** [present passive participle (**repeatedly** moved); to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows): be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold; used in **1:17, 18, 21** (twice); **2:11**] **by the Holy** [*hagios*; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): (most) holy (one, thing), saint; used in **1:18, 21** (twice); **2:21; 3:2, 11**] **Spirit** [*pneuma*; a current of air, i.e., breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e., (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind].

Apply (What is the point?)

1. Scripture is **sure**
2. The Father **approved** of Jesus
3. Scripture is to be explained **publicly** (no private/singular explanations allowed)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. **Believe** Scripture (more than the things we see)
2. Place our **faith** in Jesus
3. **Gather** publicly for the explanation

Next week: Destructive Doctrines (2:1-3)

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**2 Peter 2:1-3**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member