

## Knowing for Sure

II Peter 1:16-21

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**Summary:** In the world epistemology is very shaky. The only absolute truth anymore is that “truth is relative,” (except of course, that “truth”). But everything from the Word of God is firm, solid, and dependable. Our faith is not based upon subjectivity or myths, but upon time and space factual events, which were faithfully recorded by apostolic witnesses and prophetic witnesses. As we examine these witnesses, knowing for sure enables us to grow strong in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. A. What type of witness was the apostle Peter, regarding the life and events of Jesus Christ?  
II Peter 1:16-18
- B. What was the event which he writes about here, as well as some other events of which he and the other apostles were direct first-hand witnesses?  
Matthew 17:4-6, Acts 2:22-36, 3:13-15, 5:29-32, 10:38-43
- C. Our faith, as Peter points out, is not based on clever fairy tales but upon facts; upon real events which took place in time and space. How should we respond to these historical facts regarding Jesus Christ?  
John 3:36, Romans 10:9-10, I John 1:8-9
2. A. What about John? What does this apostle record about Jesus, also as a direct witness?  
John 1:1 & 14, 3:3-17, 8:56-59, I John 1:1-4, Revelation 1:10-19
- B. What then is Jesus most deserving of?  
Matthew 4:19, John 10:27, Revelation 5:6-14
- C. Do you express reverence for Jesus as Lord and God? Does it show by the way you listen to Him, follow Him and worship Him?  
Philippians 2:9-15
3. A. What is the other type of witness which we are “*to pay attention*” to according to Peter?  
II Peter 1:19
- B. What is “*the prophetic word more sure?*”  
Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 30:5-6, Isaiah 40:8, Luke 24:25-27
- C. We have heard that “the Promiser keeps His promises,” (Joshua 1:8, 23:14). How might we adjust our ambitions for the Lord accordingly?  
Ezra 7:10, II Corinthians 5:9

4. A. In what fashion were men moved to speak for God?

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B. Who were some of the others "*moved by the Holy Spirit*" to speak from God?

Exodus 3:10-15, Psalm 16:7-11, Isaiah 1:1-3, Jeremiah 1:4-9, Ezekiel 13:1-9

C. Do you respect God's Word as final and self sufficient?

II Timothy 3:13-17