

The Eyewitness PROOF of Christ's Return

The preview of Christ's Second Coming and proof of God's Word 2 Peter 1:16-19a Chris Mueller 12-15-2019

Introduction:

2 Corinthians 11:14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

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You should not trust the ideas, opinions or distortions of false teachers, but you can trust the Word WITNESSED (vs. 16-18) by the Apostles and WRITTEN (vs. 19-21) by the Apostles moved by the Holy Spirit

#1 Denoting the _____ of the preview of Christ's coming

16 *For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Error is ACCUMULATIVE

Error is _____

Error is SHREWD

Error is _____

Error is UNRELENTING

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

2 Peter 3:3-4 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

1 Peter 1:13b Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:13b Keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

#2 Describing the _____ account of the preview

16 but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased" —

TURN TO Matthew 17:1-8

John 1:14 We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 17:2 His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

Matthew 17:5 "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

#3 Delineating the _____ circumstances of the preview

18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain

Matthew 17:4 Peter said, "I will make three tabernacles ..." 5 While he was still speaking, "This is My beloved Son,..."

Matthew 17:6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

Exodus 3:5

TAKE HOME:

A – _____ the testimony of trustworthy qualified eyewitnesses

B – Never depend on personal IDEAS or _____ over God's Word

C – Embrace the _____ taught by the Transfiguration

Luke 9:31 ...who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

D Don't rely on experiences, but do _____ on God's written Word

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why was it so important for Peter to declare that he was a witness of the Transfiguration?
2. What is the nature of ERROR that is exposed in these verses, and how does knowing that prepare you in the future?
3. How is it that the Transfiguration is actually a preview of the second coming of Christ?
4. What kind of doctrines are taught or declared from the Transfiguration?
5. Why should believers trust God's Word over feelings, ideas and experiences?
6. Why did Peter focus so much on the VOICE from Heaven at the Transfiguration?
7. What steps will you take this week to apply this passage to your life?

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