

SURRENDERING YOUR WILL

WK3: True Salvation, II Peter 1-2

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SERMON NOTES:

- Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected to pay the price for YOUR sins. Faith alone in Jesus by Grace is the ONLY way to salvation.
 - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Peter is reminding people of the purpose of Easter and the intentional pursuit of
1. Remind of TRUTH: Recalling truth is assurance of truly following JESUS
 - The return and focus on truth must be intentional, II Peter 1:12
 - Salvation is equal for all who trust completely in the righteousness of Jesus; there are no degrees of salvation! II Peter 1:1
 - Only Jesus can provide escape from sinful darkness through Himself; He is the way, the truth, and the life! II Peter 1:3-4
 - Faith>Virtue>Knowledge>Self-control>Steadfastness>Godliness>Brotherly Affection>Love II Peter 1:5-7
 - Pursuing these qualities reveals a pursuit of Jesus and the power of His Spirit, II Peter 1:10
 - Your calling/election to salvation can and must be made clear!
 2. Rest in TRUTH: The authority of Scriptures provides rest in the pursuit of Jesus
 - Peter witnessed a taste of the glory of Jesus; God gave us eyewitnesses to prove the glory of Jesus, II Peter 1:16-17
 - The human writers of Scripture were directed by Holy Spirit; they could not lie while under the influence of Holy Spirit. If Scripture is false, then God is a liar; since God is truth, Scripture can be trusted! II Peter 1:19-21
 - If you trust in Jesus by the truth of His Word, then you can rest in truth and not fall for myths; Jesus' payment at Calvary paid the debt in full: TETELESTAI, II Peter 1:16
 3. Reject opposers of TRUTH: Exposition of Scriptures exposes errors of men
 - False teachers present heresies, deny Jesus, follow sensuality, exploit people for gain, II Peter 2:1-2
 - False teachers dwell in the midst of true believers; wolves can be in sheep costumes, II Peter 2:13
 - False teachers know truth but reject it for their own gain; titles should not excuse error, II Peter 2:19
- Don't allow men to turn you away from Jesus! You must be reminded of truth so you can rest in Truth and reject those who oppose truth. Church hurt will either draw you to TRUTH for healing or push you to Darkness.
 - May you rest in the Freedom of Jesus TODAY and walk in the clarity of His TRUTH! Where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is FREEDOM (II Corinthians 3:17)

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GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Read II Peter 1:1-15; Galatians 5:19-24; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9,13; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Acts 4:33; Luke 24. What power is evident in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Did Jesus resurrect himself or did the Father resurrect him? Does it matter; why? How is it possible to have the same faith as the apostles? Why is grace listed before peace? Why is it important to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit and to grow in our relationship with Jesus? Read I Corinthians 3:1-2. How does this relate to Peter's description in verses 5-7?
2. Read II Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36; II Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 2:12-13; Proverbs 30:5. What confidence can we have in the truth and authority of Scripture? What is the value and the impact of the Mount of Transfiguration? How does Psalm 119 highlight the power of the Word of God? What impact should Scripture have on our life? Should it be simply read or is it something we should honor/obey? How confident is Peter in the words of Jesus? How did his walk with Jesus confirm his confidence in Jesus' words?
3. Read II Peter 2; Proverbs 26:11; Matthew 10:15; Genesis 19; Romans 1. False teachers and wicked people have existed since the fall of Lucifer and of man. How did Lucifer (Satan) deceitfully instruct Eve? How did the people of Sodom and Gomorrah believe lies and how did it affect Lot? Is it possible to support a false teacher and think he is speaking truth? Read Acts 17:11. How did the church at Berea protect against false teachers? How will God judge those who teach falsehood? Explain verses 21-22. Is it possible to "pray a prayer" and then turn away from Jesus (truth)?
4. Read Matthew 27-28; Mark 15-16; Luke 23-24; John 19-20. Describe in your own words the details of the crucifixion and resurrection. Why are the events described in these chapters pivotal and foundational for all the other chapters of Scripture? Has there ever been a time in your life that you believed the truths about Jesus' work on the cross for your sins and trusted in the power of His resurrection as the completed work for your sins?