



## **Why the Word?**

### **Strength to Live a Sanctified Life, Freedom From Sin (2 Peter 1:1-21)**

*"Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,*

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

*Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 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 (excellence), 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." 1 Peter 1:1-4*

*"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." (Psalm 119:11)*

### **Growth and Stability in the World**

*"But also, for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins." 1 Peter 1:5-9*

*"Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure." (Isaiah 33:6)*

### **Building Rewards for Time and Eternity**

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

*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. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease." (1 Peter 1:10-15)*

### **Mature in Faith or Moved by Your Senses?**

*“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. 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.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.*

*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; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [j]interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” (1 Peter 16-21)*

### **God’s Word Can Only Bring Us To Maturity**

*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*