

Foundation Of Our Faith Luke 6:47-49

Faith

The personal conviction in Jesus needed to please God - **2Peter 1:1; Hebrews 11:6**

What is the "rock" upon which the wise man built?

What is the foundation wherein this "precious faith" rests? Is it blind? - **2Peter 1:16-21**

Peter refers to "two lines of evidence" in our text as Apostles had done since the beginning...

Apostolic witness - **Acts 2:32; 3:14-15; 5:30-32; 10:39-43; 13:30-31**

Old Testament prophecy - **Acts 2:25-31; 3:22-24; 10:43; 13:32-41; 17:2-3**

Apostolic Eyewitnesses 16-18

Testimony was not "cleverly devised myths"

Either they spoke the truth or carefully & purposely fabricated lies!

Their testimony was that of "eyewitnesses" - **Acts 10:41; 1John 1:1**

"Mount of Transfiguration" - **Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36**

Proclaims majesty of Jesus & illustrates nature of their testimony

"Saw" & "Heard" by plurality witnesses strengthen force of testimony

Peter and rest of apostles really leave us with only two possibilities

They speak truth about Jesus or "follow cleverly devised myths"!

Reasonable? apostles truthful, or blatant liars, frauds, & deceivers?

Lives, suffering, scriptures show "*eyewitnesses of His majesty*"! Only 35-40 years since crucifixion!

Testimony of apostles is a foundation of our faith - **John 17:20**

Divine Prophecy 19-21

The reference here is to the prophecies of the Old Testament

Which bore witness to the coming Messiah - **Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 53:1-12**

Apostles often appealed to convince others of Christ - **Acts 17:2-3**

Prophecies are "more sure" by very fulfillment in Jesus!

Before fulfillment, could only hope words were really God's

In fulfillment, faith strengthened in subject & origin of prophecies!

It is these fulfilled prophecies which serve to support our faith...

Though fulfilled, Christians still carefully study OT Scriptures - **2Timothy 3:14-15**

Like apostolic testimony, they help to confirm our faith in Jesus

Help become "*wise for salvation through faith*" - **Romans 15:4**

Serve as such "*until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,*"

Likely reference Lord's coming "the bright morning star" - **Revelation 22:16**

Seen by all but appreciated most by those who anxiously await Him!

Important to know how prophecy originates As Peter explains - **2Peter 1:20-21**

OT prophecies are expressions of Spirit-inspired spokesmen for God!

Realizing this, fulfilled prophecies serve to strengthen our faith...

Our faith in Old Testament as the inspired word of God!

Faith in Jesus as the Messiah, of whom inspired prophets wrote!

Faith Rests On Weighty Testimony Of...

Apostolic eyewitnesses - Saw and heard & despite great suffering never recanted their testimony

Divinely inspired prophecy - Spoken by men moved by Spirit of God & confirmed true by fulfillment

Faith not "blind"/"gullible", but conviction based solid evidence

This faith in Jesus you have? Should, by such faith you can have - **John 20:31; Acts 10:43**

Dig deep (study diligently) that you might have a firm foundation, build upon foundation (follow

God's commands) a life of service unto God that will withstand whatever may come your way.