

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CRESCENT

Tuesday 31st January 1989

Series: "The climax of the ages"

An in-depth study of 2nd Peter

Subject: "A glimpse into eternity"

2 Peter 1: 12-18

1. There is an eternal kingdom. This world is temporary. What we do now, in adding to our faith will greatly influence what we will be in eternity. It will save us from falling like Peter did. Peter was restored and told to strengthen other christians and as he now "stirs us up" he is fulfilling what the Lord asked him to do. (v 11-15).
2. Peter's authority for teaching regarding the 2nd coming: the transfiguration of Christ (v16-18).
3. The great promises attached to the transfiguration:
 - (a) Luke wants us to know that from what happened at the transfiguration the kingdom of God already exists, it is concurrent with our world and was also before and will continue beyond it. (Luke 9;27-28)
 - (b) Mark wants us to know from the transfiguration that the kingdom of God is a kingdom of power and is marked by pure godliness. (Mark 9;1).
 - (c) Matthew wants us to know that the transfiguration is a pledge of the second coming. (Matthew 16;28).
 - (d) Peter deals with all the above aspects of the transfiguration when applying it's truths to the christian life (v16).
4. Peter's woeful blunder at the transfiguration was used to teach him and us a great truth: Christ's obedience to his Father in going to Calvary is the reason why God has highly exalted him and why he will be vindicated when he comes back one day, in glory.

"What is the glory of God? It is the manifestation of any or all of his attributes. In other words, it is the displaying of God to the world. Thus, things which glorify God are things which show the characteristics of his being to the world". Charles Ryrie

