

**GROWING IN ASSURANCE**  
**#SermonAssurance**  
**Growing God's Way Part 5**  
**Dr. Mark Jackson, October 1, 2017**  
**1 Peter 1:16-21**

**Psalm 119:86a** All of your commands can be trusted. (NCV)

**Why I Can Trust The Bible**

**1. BECAUSE IT IS REAL (VS 16-18)**

**2 Peter 1:16-18** We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. (NIV)

**2 Peter 3:3-4** It is important for you to understand what will happen in the last days. People will laugh at you. They will live doing the evil things they want to do. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Jesus promised to come again. Where is he? Our fathers have died. But the world continues the way it has been since it was made." (ICB)

**Matthew 16:28** I promise you that some of those standing here will not die before they see the Son of Man coming with his kingdom. (CEV)

**Matthew 17:1-3** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. (NIV)

**John 1:1, 14** In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father... (CEV)

**2. BECAUSE IT IS SURE (VS 19a)**

**2 Peter 1:19a** We have also a more sure word of prophecy... (KJV)

**Psalm 19:7b** The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. (NASB)

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands

forever. (NIV)

**Psalm 138:2** ...you have exalted above all things your name and your word. (NIV)

### **3. BECAUSE IT IS ILLUMINATING (VS 19b)**

**2 Peter 1:19b** ...and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (NIV)

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (NLT)

**Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (NIV)

**Revelation 22:16** I, Jesus... am the bright morning star. (GW)

### **4. BECAUSE IT IS INSPIRED (VS 20-21)**

**2 Peter 1:20-21** Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding,<sup>21</sup> or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. (NLT)

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV)

**John 20:31** But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name. (CEB)