

SERMON DATE: January 24, 2021

SERMON SERIES: Why Should We Believe the Bible?

SERMON TITLE: God's Word: A Light in dark Places

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

2 Peter 1:19-21 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

We live in a dark world. Despite the advances that man has made in areas such as medicine and technology, we cannot escape the fact that the world is still a dark place where evil rules. Believers are called to walk by faith in the Word of God in the midst of this darkness, and not by what we perceive with our senses. Our challenge is to live by faith in God's WORD and not give in to our feelings, our experiences, or our emotions.

INTRODUCTION

Peter is nearing death and wants to leave his readers with a solid foundation so that they will not be led astray by false teachers after his departure.

POINT 1

The Word of God provides a light in dark places when we trust it implicitly.

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POINT 2

The Word of God provides a light in dark places when we study it intently.

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POINT 3

The Word of God provides a light in dark places when we handle it correctly.

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