

# Why The Bible?

(2 Peter 1:16-21)

- Introduction:
1. The time comes for all of us when we must answer one of the most important questions we must ever answer.
  2. That question is, "Why do you believe the Bible?"
  3. Let's consider that question briefly this morning.

## I. Inadequate Answers

- A. "It's the way I was raised."
- B. "Look at how it's changed my life."

## II. Peter Offers Reasons To Believe

- A. (2 Peter 1:16-21).
- B. The Bible is a collection of reliable historical documents.
  1. (2 Peter 1:16).
  2. Don't minimize the word, "collection."
  3. 66 books, approximately 40 writers, 3 continents, 1500 years.
- C. There were eyewitnesses to the contents of the Bible.
  1. (2 Peter 1:16-18).
  2. (1 John 1:1-4).
- D. Written during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses.
  1. (2 Peter 1:18).
  2. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
  3. (Acts 2:22).
- E. Fulfills specific, detailed, prophecies.
  1. (2 Peter 1:19-21).
  2. (Isaiah 53).
  3. (Psalm 22).

## III. Objection Sometimes Offered

- A. "I'd believe it, if you could prove it to me scientifically."
- B. This has a ring of intellectualism, but it rings hollow.
  - a. The scientific method - observable, measurable, and repeatable.
  - b. You can't do that with history!
  - c. You don't use the scientific method to validate history.
- C. To validate history, you examine the evidence.

- Conclusion:
1. And that brings us back to the Bible being a collection of 66 book, written on three continents, by 40 authors, spanning 1500 years, written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses, fulfilling supernatural prophecies.
  2. The Christian does not have a blind faith, but one based upon sufficient and compelling evidence.