**Who Are You – Really?**

**What Needs to Be Done So We Can Be Who We Should Be?**

**Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God … 2 Peter 3:11, 12**

**Bible Reading 1**

**A letter of Encouragement to Them That “Have Obtained like Precious Faith” - 2 Peter 1:1, 2**

1. A letter written to us (of “like precious faith”) for today’s challenges in these “last days.”
2. Through the righteousness of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ
   1. Grace and peace be multiplied
   2. Through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord

**The *Divine Power* and What We Have Been *Given* – 2 Peter 1:3-8**

1. Divine Power – The source of spiritual strength (v. 3)
2. Given all things that pertain to life and godliness
3. Laid hold upon - Through the knowledge of him that has called us
4. Divine Promises - Exceedingly great and precious promises (v.4)
5. Partakers of the divine nature – having escaped the corruption in this world

**We Have Not Followed Devised Fables – We Were Eyewitnesses of His Majesty 2 Peter 1:15-18**

1. The Importance of the testimony of the Apostle Peter
   1. The Apostles made known the events surrounding the Transfiguration of the Lord (v.16)
   2. The power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
   3. He received from God, the Father – honor and glory (v.17, 18)
      1. Why is this specific testimony of the Apostle Peter Important to Us?
      2. Why is the reference to the “voice to him from the excellent glory important to us?
2. The Inspired Word of God – The Work of the Spirit of God – 2 Peter 1:19-21
   1. A more sure word of prophecy (v.19)
   2. Take heed – as unto a light that shines in a dark place – until the day dawn
   3. It is of no private interpretation (v.20)
   4. Not by the will of man – came through holy men of God (v.21)
      1. Directed by the Holy Spirit

**Bible Reading 2**

In the last days there are many voices in the Christian sphere. Beware! False Teachers – 2 Peter 2

1. Past and present false teachers exposed (v.1-3)
2. Judgment on false teachers (v.4-6)
3. Divine deliverance (v.7-9)
4. Description of false teachers (v.10-16)
   1. Rebellious (v. 10-11)
   2. Animalistic (v. 12)
   3. Deceitful (v.13)
      1. Forsaken the right way (v.15)
      2. Following the way of Balaam, son of Beor (v.15)
5. Destruction by false teachers (v. 17-22)
   1. Their swelling words target those who were just breaking free (v.18)
   2. They promise liberty but the result is bondage (v.19)
   3. Better if they had not have known the way than to turn from the holy commandment (v.20)

**Bible Reading 3**

What is going to motivate you and me to be real vibrant Christians? The Coming of the Lord!

1. Reason for this letter is restated. Remember the promises of God. (v.1-2)
2. The hope of the believer
3. The scoffers and their mockery (v.4-7)
4. The promises of God are sure (v.8, 9)

**Bible Reading 4**

What Will Believers Encounter in the Last Days? - 2 Peter 3:1-9

1. Description of the day of the Lord (v.10-13)
   1. The day of the Lord – what is it? What are its characteristics?
      1. Heaven shall pass away with a great noise
      2. The elements shall melt with fervent heat
         1. The earth also and the works that are in it – burned up
2. Our behavior and outlook should be changed with the knowledge we have (v. 14-16)
   1. Since all these things shall be dissolved
      1. What type (manner) of persons should we be?
         1. In all holiness and godliness
      2. Looking for and hasting the day of God
         1. What is the day of God? Can we quicken it? What are its characteristics?
            1. Heavens being on fire, shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat
3. Is there not a reason for us to be real in the last days?
   1. Beware – but grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord (v.18)