THE ALTOGETHER RELIABLE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR OUR WALK WITH JESUS 2 Peter 1:16-19

- I. WARNING --- DO NOT RELY, BASE OR FOUND YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS ON EXPERIENCE: Even the true experience of Peter, James and John seeing the Lord's Glory on the mount of transfiguration and hearing the Father speak from heaven is not what they or we should heed or walk by (16-18)
 - A. A true experience: Peter's making known the Lord Jesus Christ's coming in His Kingdom was not based on following falsehood by those who wickedly propagate crafty religious fables or myths (16a)
 - B. A privileged experience like none other: Peter was a spectator to the Lord Jesus Christ' majesty and His receiving honor and glory from the Father (16b-18)
- II. INSTEAD OF HUMAN (or even divine) EXPERIENCE, PETER EXHORTS US TO HEED THE MORE SURE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD which we all now have (19)
 - A. We all now have the Scriptures (Graphe, the Written Word) (19a)
 - B. The Written Word <u>IS MORE SURE</u> than any and all experience (19a)
 - C. We do beautifully to heed or pay attention to the Written Word (19b)
 - D. **The Written Word is our lamp** in this dark world until the Light of Jesus arises in our hearts (19b)

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III. THE DIVINE NATURE OF SCRIPTURE WE MUST FIRST KNOW! The Scripture's meaning (interpretation) is not up for grabs because it is not from man but from God, who spoke by His Spirit through men (20-21)