

The Foundation of our Faith

2 Peter 1:16-21

Our Christian faith must be grounded to something more sure than a subjective personal experience.

Our faith is founded upon the . . .

- I. Apostolic witness to _____ (16-18)
 - A. Not _____ about Jesus
 - B. But the _____ of Jesus

- II. Prophetic revelation of _____ (19-21)
 - A. _____ (19)
 - B. _____ (20)
 - C. _____ (21)

As the authors of Scripture wrote their prophecies, they were impelled or borne along by God's Spirit. What they wrote was thus inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16). "Borne along" or "carried along" translates the word φερόμενοι. Luke used this word in referring to a sailing vessel carried along by the wind (Acts 27:15, 17). The Scriptures' human authors were controlled by the divine Author, the Holy Spirit. Yet they were consciously involved in the process; they were neither taking dictation nor writing in a state of ecstasy. No wonder believers have a word of prophecy which is certain. And no wonder a Christian's nurture must depend on the Scriptures. They are the very words of God Himself!

- Kenneth O. Gangel