

The Order of Worship

Opening Song	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
A Prayer of Praise	Highlight Attribute <i>Glory</i>
Scripture Reading	II Peter 1:16-21
Congregational Song	
A Prayer for the Nations*	#10 India
Affirmation of Faith	
A Prayer for the Lost	
Congregational Song	
Sermon:	II Peter 1:16-21

Hindu extremists believe that all Indians should be Hindus, and that the country should be rid of Christianity and Islam. They use extensive violence to achieve this goal, particularly targeting Christians from a Hindu background. Christians are accused of following a "foreign faith" and blamed for bad luck in their communities. These believers are often physically attacked and sometimes killed, as well as being under constant pressure from their family and community to return to Hinduism. If they do not "re-convert," they may be boycotted by their community, with a devastating effect on their ability to earn income. Many believers are isolated and don't know any other Christians.

Christians are persecuted in all areas of public and private life, and anti-conversion laws (currently in nine states, with more considering adoption) are abused to harass and intimidate Christians. Few people are actually convicted under these laws, but cases can drag on for years.

Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Cooper	Paula Moore
Rita Stewart	Danette Roberson
Jett Bobo	Miriam Wheeler

Announcements

Today:

Oct 30 th	The Brethren Fellowship (11am – 2pm)
Oct 30 th	Fall Fest Fun 4pm – 6pm
Nov 2 nd	Believer's @ the Waymire's 11am
Nov 14 th	Farmer's Market
Nov 21 st	Homecoming
Dec 7 th	Believers @ the Johnson's 11am
Dec 18 th	Assemble Fruit Baskets
Dec 19 th	Deliver Fruit Baskets
Dec 19 th	Christmas Cookie Walk
Jan 4 th	Believer's Pot Luck @ Emory
Jan 16 th	Chili Lunch (Fundraiser)
Feb 1 st	Believers
Feb 13 th	Valentine Cookie Cake

Explorer's Bible Study

II Peter 1:16-18

Romulus and Remus were the founders of Rome and were taken care of by a she wolf. The mythology of Rome's founding is well known. We could look at Virgil's Aeneid, written in 19BC, Homer's Odysseus and Iliad both written around 800-750BC. Great stories have varying elements to them. The authors work diligently to develop characters, plot lines and themes. Truth be told, the average Roman didn't believe in the gods and goddesses. Eventually, the common people simply began to ignore their stories. The word myth is *μυθος* *muthos* in Greek. Its Latin equivalent is *fabula*. Peter, knowing the times, wanting his readers to understand what he was writing was very different than Homer. If Genesis-Revelation is myth, or even contains myth, the Bible is just another piece of literature. However, if it is truly the Living Word of God, if it's the basis for life and _____, if it's _____ and infallible, what then? These early believers needed immediate and future hope. We do as well. Remember that Peter wants us to make sure of our Salvation, make sure of our _____ and make sure of our Sanctification.

Notice in verse 16 that Peter changes his subject from I to _____. The reference to the 2nd Coming is a recurring theme in II Peter. If He is not returning, then He lied. Peter reminds us that they didn't have to make up stories. They were _____. He would not have

endured what he did for some mere _____. He was an eyewitness to the transfiguration.

Believing that Jesus was going to return was not a leap for Peter, especially after seeing the transfiguration. Peter, James and John saw Him transfigure and heard the voice emanate from the _____. It had been about _____ since Peter made his confession to Jesus, responding to a question.

That question is just as pertinent today as it was then:

Jesus asked "Who do men say that I am?"

The disciples responded "Some say, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus then asked another question "**But** who do **you** say that I am?"

Peter replied: "You are the _____, the Son of the Living God."

If the stories of Homer, Virgil, Ovid and other writers of mythology are not true, it really doesn't matter.

However, what if the Bible is really true?

The question for you today: "Who do you say Jesus is?"