

WHY THE BIBLE? – THE RELEVANCE OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:3-21

The Bible is a divinely revealed metanarrative that communicates transforming transcendent truths, values, and wisdom to virtuous disciples by means of the Spirit for faithful living in Christ’s present and coming kingdom.

I. INTRODUCTION: ‘THE EPISTEMIC CRISIS OF AUTHORITY’

II. REFLECTION ON *2 Peter 1:3-21*

A. Vv. 3-11- Peter’s Succinct Summary of the Christian Life

B. Vv. 12-15- The Need for a ‘Reminder’

C. Vv. 16-21- The Nature of the ‘Reminder’ – Divinely Revealed and Inspired

III. SCRIPTURE AS DIVINELY REVEALED METANARRATIVE

A. What is a Metanarrative?

B. The Significance of Divine Revelation

C. The Plausibility of a Divinely Inspired Bible

IV. TRANSFORMING TRANSCENDENT TRUTHS, VALUES, AND WISDOM

A. Answers 3 Foundational Questions:

1. Identity – Who Am I?

2. Purpose – Why Do I Exist?

3. Fulfillment- Can I Fulfill My Purpose and Find Meaning Despite Injustice, Suffering, and a Destiny of Death?

B. Provides Necessary Values for Kingdom Living

C. The Key to Wisdom and Flourishing in a Foolish World

V. CONCLUSION: SPIRITUALLY VIRTUOUS READING

Recognizing Scripture as the Divinely Revealed and Inspired Metanarrative

Exegeting the Authorially-Intended Meaning and Identifying Important Implications

Ascertaining the Theological and Ethical Significance for Reader's Own Personal Narrative and More Broadly, the Community (i.e. the Church)

Discerning the Divine Will from Scripture and by the Spirit for Understanding and Wisdom for Transformative Kingdom Living