

## Introduction

Every thing we do in our Christian life needs to be done with an element of trust. We need to expect God to lead as we work *With Trust*.

### 1. With Trust and . . . Helpful Reminders. 1:12-15

All of us can benefit from those more experienced and gifted in the Christian Faith. The work of a minister is to remind Christians of the principals of the faith even though they may know them very well. But even if some may know very well most will benefit and be strengthened from a gentle reminder. All of us forget and some may even be hearing some wrong doctrine and they may need further confirmation of the faith that will be helpful. Once in a while you hear of someone who has become slack in sharing what they know and a wake up call may be very helpful. Simon Peter thought he did not have long to live and he wanted to make sure the Christians he was writing to recalled the principals of our faith. He wanted them to be able to recall the principals of the faith at anytime.

### 2. With Trust and . . . Helpful Eyewitnesses. 1:16-18

Simon Peter spoke concerning having been at the baptism of Jesus and hearing the voice of God as He gave His approval of His beloved Son. Simon tells that he was an eyewitness to the sight of the baptism. This was a very special time as Simon and two others heard the voice of God. Not many people have ever heard the voice of God like they did and it gives even more reality to what God honored in Jesus. But in addition Simon tells about hearing God's voice as it came from heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son. I take delight in Him!" If any of us had heard this voice I am sure we would have been very honored and wanted to tell many people.

### 3. With Trust In and . . . Helpful Provision and Guidance of the Scripture. 1:19-21

Simon speaks of the prophetic voice of God strongly confirmed as the scriptures were revealed. He also advised us to pay attention to it as we wait for the Lord to confirm it just as He said He would! I love the Bible and trust it's every word. It is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. The Word of God is not the product of some private interpretations. It has come to us as holy men were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write it down. As we read any portion of it today the Holy Spirit once again inspires us to understand it and to apply it to our lives. Our pastors seek and receive the guidance of the scriptures as they preach and help the congregations to understand and benefit from the book of God. It is *With Trust* in the Lord that we are greatly blessed. Amen? Amen!