

CONCLUSION: We may find this hard to believe, but...

A. We face the same four challenges to a Biblical faith and genuine spirituality that Peter spoke about 2,000 years ago...

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B. Peter's call for **virtue** guarantees

C. Peter's bottom line is

# Sermon Notes

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"Established in God's Word"

2 Peter 1:12-21

INTRODUCTION: In the April 2-4, 2010, *Carolina Weekly: The USA Weekend* magazine carried the cover-story: *How Spiritual Are You*

A. The article interviewed/featured four religious leaders about "spirituality," from four faith traditions...

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B. Can a person really be *spiritual but not religious* and find this non-religious spirituality outside of the church?

I. SPIRITUALITY IS DEVELOPED BY RELIGION (2 Peter 1:12-15)

- A. Peter reminds the Christians of Asia Minor (and us) that the goal of the Gospel is our spiritual transformation.
- B. Allow me to point to four illustrations why we have become shallow, worldly, and ineffective as God's people in the world.

First:

Second:

Third:

Fourth:

- C. My painful point?
- D. The point Peter is making:
- E. The solution to this "*shallowing out*" of our evangelical faith is clear: \_\_\_\_\_

II. SPIRITUALITY IS DEVELOPED BY REVELATION (2 Peter 1:16-21)

- A. Peter reminds the saints that our religion is rooted in *revelation* from God.

- B. Peter states three crucial facts about the Word of God and how it shapes our spiritual nature.

First:

Second:

Third:

- C. The problems we discussed earlier – \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ – are **all** the result of neglecting \_\_\_\_\_.