

2 Peter 1:12-21

Intro: Up to this point the Peter has spoken of God's abundant grace and the resulting duties of believers because of God's grace toward them. This Peter is doing in obedience to the commandment given to him by Christ before He ascended into Heaven, Cf. John 21:15-19. Now Peter shares _____ he felt the necessity to write these things, and the reasons behind each truth concerning Christ.

I. The need to remember and remind Vs 12-15

- A. **Vs 12 I will not be negligent**-I will not be _____ about
1. **To put you always in remembrance of these things**-To review the _____ concerning Christ and the salvation He has provided
 2. **Though ye know them**-facts you _____ know
 3. **And be established in the present truth**-You do not _____ these facts
- B. **Vs 13 Yea, I think it meet**-Yes, I thought it _____
1. **As long as I am in this tabernacle**-As long as I am _____
 2. **To stir you up by putting you in remembrance**
 - a. The truths about Christ and what He has done in behalf of the believer should _____ our souls and cause us to worship and praise Him for His goodness and faithfulness to us as saved sinners.
 - b. By putting the believers in remembrance, Peter is not giving some " _____ " doctrine to them, but he is reminding them of truth they have already been taught.
- C. **Vs 14** taking the _____ we have now
1. **Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle**-I stir up your remembrance of Christ because I know that I will not be _____ on this earth much longer.
 2. **Even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me**-Christ has shown me the death that will die, and it seems to be _____ than one might think. Cf. John 21:18-19
- D. **Vs 15 Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things** always in remembrance-my goal and desire is that the truth of Christ be so embedded in your heart and mind that after I am gone you will continue moving _____ in the Lord.

II. The need to be _____ and open in our remembering and reminding Vs 16

- A. **For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**
1. **Followed**-followed the authority of, allowed to _____ the direction I am going
 2. **Cunningly**-_____ and artfully
 3. **Devised**-_____ up in one's imagination
 4. **Fables**-a false or improbable account of something; _____
 5. **The power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**-the fact that Jesus is coming again
- B. **But were eyewitnesses of his majesty**-What I share with you as truth is indeed truth because I am sharing those things which I _____ with my very own eyes while I walked with the Lord Jesus Christ while He walked on the earth.

III. The need to _____ on past experiences with God Vs 17-18

- A. Peter's mind goes back to the time Christ was _____ before him on the mount
B. Cf. Matthew 17:1-9

IV. The need to remain _____ in the teaching of Scripture Vs 19

- A. **Vs 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy**

1. Cf. 1 Peter 1:10 *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you*
2. "Not only do you have my _____ testimony, but we have the prophetic teaching of the prophets of old"
3. "We have the prophetic doctrine more _____ or more confirmed; the teaching of the prophets has been made more worthy of _____ because of who Christ is and what He did in our behalf"

B. **Whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place-**
 You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a
 dark _____ world.

C. **Until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts-**We trust what they wrote until
 the _____ returns and confirms everything they wrote at Truth.

V. The need to remember the _____ for our confidence in Scripture **Vs 20-21**

A. **Vs 20-**The OT Prophecies were not a creation of man's thinking

1. **Knowing this first-**This is one of the first things we _____ about the prophetic writings
2. **That no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation-**The prophet wrote what he was _____ to write by the inspiration of God whether he understood what he was writing or not. Cf. 1 Peter 1:10-12

B. **Vs 21-**The OT Prophecies were the creation of God recorded by the prophets

1. **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man-**The prophetic writings were not the product of the _____ of the writer
2. **But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost**
 - a. _____ who God chose because of their holy life,
 - b. To them He spoke what they were to _____ on parchment,
 - c. And they wrote as they were directed by God, the Holy Spirit (_____)

Concl: All the Scriptures are given by inspiration of God and is to be considered _____ of our reading and heeding.