



2 Peter 1:1-4

- God has given us everything we need for life and godliness
- Through knowledge of Him
- So that we can escape worldly corruption and become partakers of the divine nature

John 17:20-24 - “I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their testimony, 21 **that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they will be in us,** so that the world will believe that you sent me. 22 The glory you gave to me I have given to them, that they may be one just as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—that they may be completely one, so that the world will know that you sent me, and you have loved them just as you have loved me. 24 “Father, **I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they can see my glory** that you gave me because **you loved me before the creation of the world.**

2 Peter 1:5-7

- Once you've obtained salvation and can recognize His excellencies and glory, then you grow, by renewing your mind as you study the Word and your mind transforms to no longer desire your old corrupt way, but you desire the divine nature, so much so, that you're willing to suffer for God's glory
- It's then you realize, how you live your day to day life is different
- You've changed
- Eventually you become stronger in the Word and you care less about yourself and you start to care more about others by loving believers and unbelievers alike, desiring all to come to Jesus so that they too can experience a future loving relationship with God
- The same love relationship that The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit had before the world was created

2 Peter 1:8-11

- The qualities of v. 5-7 need to be increasing in your life
- They keep us from being useless and unfruitful in our relationship with Jesus (v.8)
- They keep us from being so nearsighted we appear blind (v.9)
- They keep us from stumbling in our walk (v.10)
- They assure us of an abundant entry into God's kingdom (v.11)
- If you're practicing the qualities in v. 5-7, that is the confirmation of your calling and election
- If you are increasing in v. 5-7, the assurance that you are going to enter heaven will be overwhelming to you

2 Peter 1:12-15

2 Peter 1:12 - Therefore, I will always be **ready to remind you** of these things, **even though you already know them**, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

- Constantly reminding believers about God's promises is a major theme throughout the Bible, mostly because we always forget

Isaiah 17:10a. - For you have forgotten the God of your salvation and have not remembered the rock of your refuge.

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- Passover was given as a yearly reminder

Exodus 13:3-10 - Then Moses said to the people, **Remember this day** in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place... 8 You shall tell your son on that day, It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt. 9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.

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- Peter and Paul both try to keep reminding us of truths already taught

2 Peter 3:1 - This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of **reminder**,

Philippians 3:1 - Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. **To write the same things** to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

2 Thessalonians 2:5 - Do you not **remember** that when I was still with you **I told you these things?**

- Even the 4 Gospels are the same story repeated from 4 different people

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- Peter knows that his readers are well established in the truth
- They are following **V. 5-7**
- Peter has taught them and they have followed, just like Jesus asked him to do

Luke 22:31-32 - Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, **strengthen** your brothers.

- “Establish” and “strengthen” are the same words in the Greek
- If you feel like you’re doing **V. 5-7**, you are like the people Peter is talking to
- You are established in The Truth, and this book is written to you

2 Peter 1:13 - I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to **stir you up by way of reminder,**

- Even though believers are established and grounded in the truth, we need constant shepherding to keep us from wandering back to our corrupt ways
- My job is to **stir you up by way of reminder**
- It means to “arouse completely” or “to thoroughly awaken”
- As believers, we tend to become bored or sleepy with the Word
- Peter was probably remembering the time he fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane
- No matter how spiritually mature you are, you need to be reminded
- Because the whole Bible teaches the same truth, we can **stir you up** by teaching from different passages and show you how different authors convey the same message
- So we preach to continually stir you up by reminding you of the Truth and you practice the qualities in **V. 5-7**, and that confirms your calling and election and gives you the assurance that you are going to enter heaven

2 Peter 1:14 – since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

- Peter is now in his 70's and somehow, Jesus has shown him that his death is near
- This has 2 important implications for believers:

1.) When we die, we go to be with the Lord

- Peter talks about laying aside his body like a worn out garment or tent

2 Corinthians 5:8 - ...we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

- When we die, we go home to be with the Lord
- This body that is always breaking down we leave behind

2 Peter 1:14 – since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

- This has 2 important implications for believers:

- 2.) The death of a believer is known and controlled by God

John 21:18-19 - Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go. 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.)

- If you're a believer established in the truth, you abundantly know you're going to heaven, and when you die, you leave all this corruption behind and you are immediately in the loving presence of God, and you can live without fear in this life because God is in control of everything

2 Peter 1:15 – And I will make every effort so that **after my departure** you may be able at any time to recall these things.

- Peter, Paul, and Jesus all seemed to know when they were close to death
- As death came closer, they started to emphasize the importance of scripture to those they leave behind

John 17:13-17 - But now I am coming to you,... 14 **I have given them your word**, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world... 17 **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.**

- The most important thing they needed to tell other people before they died was to remind them to be established in the Word so that they would also partake of the divine nature

2 Peter 1:16-19

2 Peter 1:16 – For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the **power** and **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

- **Coming** is the word *Parousia*
- It means the Second Coming of Christ
- So Peter is constantly reminding them of scripture to stir them up so that they can become partakers of the divine nature, and the specific scripture he is referring to is the ones that refer to the Second Coming of Christ
- His **Power (V.3)** grants us everything we need to accomplish **V.5-7** and by studying the Word we transform to be more like “his own glory and excellence”
- He also **(V.4)** grants us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature
- His precious and great promises are that Jesus will return one day
- Studying the return of Christ is essential doctrine that Peter has been teaching them and he has established them in it because it points them to their future hope

2 Peter 1:16-18 – For we did not follow cleverly devised myths... but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

- The eyewitness account Peter is referring to is the Transfiguration

Mark 8:38 - For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the **Son of Man** also be ashamed **when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**

Daniel 7:13-14 - I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and **a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;...**

2 Peter 1:16-18

Mark 9:1-4 - 9:1 And he said to them, Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they **see the kingdom of God after it has come with power**. And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was **transfigured** before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

- Peter is saying that they do not follow some made up story like the false teachers do
- He has actually seen, with his own eyes, Jesus in glorified form in heaven
- The future divine nature he keeps reminding us of is real and he is an eyewitness of it
- He could have told us about how he saw the resurrection or how he saw Jesus ascended into heaven, but this is the only time He appears in all His glory
- We can believe it because Peter has seen it

2 Peter 1:19 - And we have something **more sure**, **the prophetic word**, to which you will do well to **pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,**

- The prophecy that Jesus is coming back again has been made more sure because Peter has witnessed it
- We live in a corrupt, dark world
- Our only hope is to focus on the sure promise that one day Jesus' light will burst onto the scene when he comes back so that we can finally escape the corruption and partake of the divine nature

