

- Intro:**
- IV. Peter's Legacy Statement
- A. Urgency - vs 12a
1. For this reason
 - a. refers to the greatness of salvation - vs 1-4
 - b. refers to the blessedness of assurance - vs 5-11
 2. I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things,
 - a. future tense used
 - i. indicating he would continually remind them at any opportunity
 - ii. may also indicate that he knew future readers would need the reminder
 - no need for new truths
 - The truths of scripture are timeless
 - b. *ameleo* - to be careless of:--make light of, neglect, be negligent, no regard.
 3. Paul used the same process of reminding
 - a. Ro 15:14-15 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,
 - b. Phil 3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.
 - c. 2 Th 2:5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
- B. Kindness - vs 12b
1. Peter speaks as a kind gentle shepherd understanding the state of his flock
 - a. scripture extols gentleness - 2 Co 10:1; Gal 5:23; 6:1; 1 Th 2:7; 2 Ti 2:25
 - b. meekness - Mt 5:5; 1 Ti 6:11; Jas 3:13
 - c. tenderness - Eph 4:32
 2. though you know - had already been taught and had understood the truth to which he was referring
 3. and are established in the present truth.
 - a. *sterizo* - to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm:--fix, (e) -stablish, steadfastly set, strengthen.
 - b. Perf. Pass. Part - indicating a settled condition
- C. Faithfulness - vs 13
1. Yes, I think it is right,
 - a. *dikaio*s - equitable (in character or act); innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively):--just, meet, right(-eous).
 - b. his devotion to His shepherd made his faithful to his people
 2. as long as I am in this tent, - 2Co 5:1,4;
 - a. *skenoma* - an encampment, the Temple (as God's residence), the body (as a tenement for the soul):-- tabernacle.
 - b. Peter draws from the familiar image of the nomadic culture,
 - i. those who lived in portable tents as they traveled place to place
 - ii. Helping all to understand that this life, this body is the temporary residence of our eternal souls
 3. to stir you up by reminding you,
 - a. *diegeiro* - to wake fully; arouse, arise, awake, raise, stir up. - 2Pe 3:1

- i. from lethargy, drowsiness or sleep
- ii. Nothing short of spiritual alertness would do in the oncoming battle for truth

b. it is easy for believers to become sluggish - Mk 13:35-37; Ro 13:11; 1 Th 5:6

c. **hupomnesis** - a reminding, recollection:--remembrance.

- i. repetition is a way to teach and learn
- ii. Everyone needs spiritual reminders of truth and its applications

D. Brevity - vs 14-15

1. knowing - he had a clear understanding that

a. the temporary nature of life, it is short - 70 years, 80 if you are strong - Ps 90:10

b. the ending of his life was imminent

2. that shortly I must put off my tent,

a. Paul used this imagery in **2 Co 5:1-4** For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

b. shortly - soon or swift

i. Peter was probably advanced in years, maybe in his seventies

ii. He also knew what Jesus about his death

3. just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

a. Jo 21:18-19 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

b. Death is not something to be feared for the Christian/ believer

i. Example of Moses and Paul - De 4:21-22; 31:14; 2Ti 4:6

ii. Exhortation of Paul in **2 Co 5:5-9** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

iii. Even with the Judgment seat, fear is not the emotion to choose - 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Jo 4:17-18

4. What you should remember

a. Peter's efforts

i. **spoudazo** - to use speed, to make effort, be prompt or earnest:--do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study.

ii. These things - all the teachings presented by him

iii. When thinking about Peter, he wanted them to remember his teaching, not his death

b. decease

i. **exodos** - an exit, i.e. (figuratively) death:--decease, departing.

ii. Means to leave one place (earth) to go to another place (heaven)