

Standing in the True Grace of God

Peter's Life, Letters and Lord

2 Peter 1:12–19

Read 2 Peter 1:1–19.

1. In verse 12 Peter tells his readers that he is reminding them of “these things.” What are these things?
2. Reread verses 12–19 and note different ways Peter talks about remembering. (vv. 12, 13, 15, 19)
3. How does Peter describe the maturity of these believers? (v. 12)
4. Peter passionately reminds these mature believers about the truth. What does this tell us about the tendency of their (and our) hearts?
5. What is fueling Peter’s passion? (vv. 14–15)
6. Jesus told Peter that he would die a martyr's death (Jn. 21:18–19). In light of this, what is surprising about the way Peter describes his death (vv. 13–15)?
7. Peter refers to his body as a tent (v. 13). How does Paul explain this metaphor? (2 Cor. 5:1–10)
8. How does this perspective on death encourage you or challenge your thinking?

Read Luke 9:28–35 and 2 Peter 1:16–19.

9. List what Peter teaches about Jesus in verses 16–17.

10. To what event does Peter refer in verses 17–18?

Who is Peter referring to when he says “we” in verses 16 and 18?

11. How is what Peter teaches different from the false teachings of others? (vv. 16, 18; see also 1 John 1:1–3)

12. How has the “word of the prophets [been] made more certain” (v. 19)? (Heb. 1:1–2)

13. What does Peter say Scripture (“the word of the prophets”) is like? (v. 19)

14. What do you think Peter is looking ahead to when he talks about the day dawning and the morning star rising? (* Luke 21:27–28; Rom. 13:11–12; Rev. 22:16)

15. Peter’s tone in this passage is urgent; he does not want the believers to forget these things. What can you do to actively remember these truths? (* 3:1–2; 1 Cor. 11:23–26; Heb. 10:24–25)