

# 2 Peter

Peter's Approaching Death (2 Peter 1:12-15)

Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize).

## Read: Peter's Approaching Death (1:12-15)

### Greeting the Faithful

**1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,**

**To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

**2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.**

### Fruitful Growth in the Faith

**5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**

**10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

### Peter's Approaching Death

**12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*, 14 knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.**

## Explain: Peter's Approaching Death (1:12-15)

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some.

### Are there any literary/structural observations?

Today's passage gives us a behind-the-scene view into Peter's thought process around repetition, importance, and looking back over his life. Additionally, he is still solely focused on believers.

### What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), **will** (21), Lord (15), I/me/my (12), day (9), Jesus (9), **know**/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6), heavens (5), Savior (5), speak/speaking (5), way (5), world (5), earth (4), glory (4), godliness (4), judgment (4), promise (4), water (4), lust/lusts (4)

### What are the most repeated words in this text?

**I** (5), you (5), **remind**/reminder/reminding (3), always (2), be (2), in (2), know/knowing (2), my (2), tent (2), will (2)

### What do the words mean?

**12 For this reason I will not be negligent** [future active indicative; to be **careless** of: make light of, neglect, be negligent, no regard] **to remind** [to remind quietly, i.e., suggest to the (middle voice, one's own) memory: put in mind, remember, bring to (put in) remembrance] **you always** ["ever," by qualification regularly; by implication, earnestly: always, ever] **of these things, though you know** [**perfect** active participle; properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication, (in the perfect tense only) to know: be aware, behold, consider, (have) know(-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot; used in **1:12, 14; 2:9**] **and are established** [perfect passive participle; to set fast, i.e., (literally) to turn resolutely in a certain direction, or (figuratively) to confirm: fix, (e-)stablish, steadfastly set, strengthen] **in the present** [present participle (**repeatedly** present); to be near, i.e., at hand; neuter present participle (singular) time being, or (plural) property: come, be here, lack, (be here) present; used in **1:9, 12**] **truth** [truth: true, truth, verity]. **13 Yes, I think** [present middle or passive deponent participle (**repeatedly** think); to lead, i.e., command (with official authority); figuratively, to deem, i.e., consider: account, (be) chief, count, esteem, governor, judge, have the rule over, suppose, think; used in **1:13; 2:13; 3:9, 15**] **it is right** [equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (absolutely or relatively): **just**, meet, right(-eous); used

in **1:13; 2:7**, twice in **8**, **as long as I am** [present indicative; I exist (used only when emphatic): am, have been, was] **in this tent** [an encampment, i.e., (figuratively) the Temple (as God's residence), the **body** (as a tenement for the soul): tabernacle; used in **1:13, 14**], **to stir you up** [present active infinitive; to **wake** fully; i.e., arouse (literally or figuratively): arise, awake, raise, stir up; used in **1:13; 3:1**] **by reminding** [a reminding or (reflexively) recollection: remembrance; used in **1:13; 3:1**] **you, 14 knowing** [perfect active participle; properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication, (in the perfect tense only) to know: be aware, behold, consider, (have) know(-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot; used in **1:12, 14; 2:9**] **that shortly** [curt, i.e., impending: shortly, swift; used in **1:14; 2:1**] **I must** [present indicative; he (she or it) is; also (with neuter plural) they are: are, be(-long), call, come, consists, follow, (that) is (to say), make, means, profit, remains, wrestle; used in **1:9, 14, 17; 3:4, 16**] **put off** [a **laying** aside (literally or figuratively): putting away (off)] **my tent** [an encampment, i.e., (figuratively) the Temple (as God's residence), the body (as a tenement for the soul): tabernacle; used in **1:13, 14**], **just as our Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir; used in **1:2, 8, 11, 14, 16; 2:9, 11, 20; 3:2, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18**] **Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation;" used in **1:1** (twice), **2, 8, 11, 14, 16; 2:20; 3:18**] **Christ** ["anointed;" used in **1:1** (twice), **8, 11, 14, 16; 2:20; 3:18**] **showed** [aorist active indicative; to make **plain** (by words): declare, shew, signify] **me. 15 Moreover I will be careful** [future active indicative; to use speed, i.e., to make effort, be prompt or earnest: do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study; used in **1:10, 15; 3:14**] **to ensure** [

] **that you always** [

] **have** [present middle infinitive; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct): abide, agree, appoint, band together, be, bear, bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, content, continue, deal, without any delay, (would) do(-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, keep, lay wait, lighten the ship, make, none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, have purged, purpose, put, raising up, shew, spend, take, tarry, transgress the law, work, yield; used in **1:10** (twice), **15, 19**] **a reminder** [

] of these things after my decease [

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## Apply (What is the point?)

1. **Repetition** is good for believers
2. **Repetition** is good for church leaders
- 3.

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Listen (and be thankful for the repetition of things we already know)
2. Encourage (our pastors need encouragement when repeating doctrine to us)
- 3.

## Next week: The Trustworthy Prophetic Word (1:16-21)

**16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.**

**19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.**

## Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**2 Peter 1:12-15**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member