

Beyond This Tent

II Peter 1:1-15

2 Peter 1

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Peter's List

Faith
Virtue
Knowledge
Self-control
Perseverance
Godliness
Brotherly Kindness
Love

Reasons Peter is going to “Stir you up”

- That you may be fruitful vs.8
- That you may be soundly saved and not stumble vs. 10
- Because He was an eyewitness and Jesus is not a fable vs. 16
- He heard the voice from heaven vs. 18
- Because of prophecy fulfilled vs. 19
- There are and will be false teachers vs. 2:1
- Because Judgment is coming vs. 2:4-11
- Because of the emptiness of the vain philosophy of all the false teachers vs. 2:12-22
- Because people will be willingly ignorant and teach lies contrary to God Chapter 3:1-8
- Because God's promises are not slack 3:9
- The Day of the Lord is coming 3:10-13
- That the grace of God would not be wasted on you 3:14-18

How are you stirring up those who will be here after you're gone?

- How I became a believer in Christ
- The mighty works of God (What God has done for me)
- Why I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Practically, what would it look like?

- A written Testimony (journal, blog, letters to family and friends)
- A spoken testimony (video, recording, etc)

Testimony Guidelines

(Answer these questions)

1. What was the problem?
2. In what ways did you try to fix it yourself? Did it work?
3. How did you bring it to God?
4. What did God do?

Salvation Testimony Guidelines

1. How did you know you were lost?
2. How did you learn about salvation in Jesus Christ?
3. How did you become a Christian?
4. How did you know you were saved? What changes did you see?