

# Peter's Final Words / 2 Peter 1:13-21

## Introduction

1 Peter a favorite of many, Clay quoted 1 Peter 1 in announcing Margie's death

1:3-4: Great hope, Imperishable inheritance, then a call to obedience

Selected 2 Peter – not as well-known and Peter's perspective of own death and ministry

Ann and I last visit with Margie, she ministered to us

Similar way, Peter knows he is dying soon and ministers to others

Commentators: 2 Peter almost a "last will and testament"

## Overview of 2 Peter

Probably written from Rome while imprisoned under Nero persecution (D. 68AD)

1:1 Written to believers (Like most of the Epistles)

3:1 Same recipients as 1 Peter: churches in modern Turkey

Major theme is the warning against false teachers in Chapters 2 and 3

Transition: Chapter 1 gets personal, a glimpse into his perspective

## Read 2 Peter 1:13-21

### Three points

1. Death of a Believer (v. 13-15)
2. Deity of Jesus (v. 16-18)
3. Dependability of the Bible (v. 19-21)

## 1. Death of a Believer

Reality: Peter will die, sounds strange, but all die unless Christ's return (Land of dying)

v. 13: live in this tent

v. 14: put it aside

v. 15: departure

Reality of his death leads to Results in this life

Results: 6 action or descriptive terms in just 2 verses

### 1. Consider, v. 13 – think, work

Peter is not retired, engaged in his mind, timesheet: "Think"

Consistent with Paul: Romans 12:2 result of salvation

### 2. Right v. 13– proper, best, not moral right and wrong, Like a puzzle piece

Do you meet the ministry situation, or force situation to meet you

### 3. Stir you, v. 13 – others focused

Same as in 3:1, purpose of his letters

Not just documenting his thoughts for posterity

### 4. Reminder, v. 13– teaching

Connected to v. 12 "remind you of these things"

Relates back to v. 2-11

Salvation and sanctification

Similar to 1 Peter 1

Do you always want something new in teaching?

Want to mine the treasures of Bible

Do not ignore what you already know

### 5. Diligent, v 15 – quick: takes effort, time and energy

"Volunteer" excuse; Is ministry your primary focus or an extra?

### 6. Recall, v. 15 – after gone, his legacy

Not recall Peter, but recall the teaching

Describe you? Describe your ministry? If you are in the land of the dying...

Transition: Next two points explain Peter's confidence to tell other what to do

Not easy for some, easier for others

Not just position, age and experience

Peter offers more... Saw Deity of Jesus and Knows Dependability of Bible

## 2. Deity of Jesus

Start with contrast: cleverly devised tales, myths and stories

Scientology: Bad science fiction

Koran: Mohamed's Koran, rewrote history (Isaac/Ishmael) from an "angel"

Mormon: Smith not witness of "events" he translated in 1800s, another angel.

Notice similarity? Galatians 1: an angel teaching a perverted story

Peter: An eyewitness to events of Jesus

Primary example: Jesus Deity at the Transfiguration

Deity not in the passage, but see 1:1b: the God and Savior Jesus

Note: God (Theos) v. Divinity (Nature of Theos), watch wiggle words

Aspects of his nature we will enjoy (1:4)

Transfiguration, Matthew 17

Bible Hour last week

A. Deity Revealed – Light like Revelation 1:14 (John's vision), Daniel 7

Peter knew Jesus human form and then saw His exalted form

v. 17 - Received honor and glory at the event, not received his Deity

Compare to John 1:14: "saw His glory"; Word from the beginning

Paul explains "Kenosis" in Philippians 2:6, Jesus "form of God" = equal

But temporarily emptied Himself of His privileged position

Transfiguration a glimpse of his full exalted form as God

B. Deity Affirmed – Voice of the Father: "This is my Son" v. 17

Son means of same nature and kind as the Father: God

Life changing event

But not the only or most important basis of confidence to tell others how to live

### 3. Dependability of Bible

v. 19 OT prophecies about Jesus are “more sure” than eyewitness account

Peter’s understanding of OT Scripture: Not an uneducated person

Read John 1:40: Peter’s brother Andrew follows John the Baptist, then Jesus  
Goes to Peter and says found the Messiah, Peter follows  
Understood OT, knew significance of the Messiah

Read Luke 24:44-48: Jesus explains the OT Scriptures to Disciples (Peter)  
Repeat of Luke 24: 27, with other disciples

How well do you know the OT pointing to Jesus?

OT Scripture gives us confidence

Peter’s instruction: pay attention to OT

Lamp shining in the darkness

Isaiah 9:2 Those walking in darkness will see a great light

Is 9:6: Messiah

Not man-made: v. 20-21: God speaking through man

Same as in 2 Timothy 3:16: All Scripture is God breathed

Side note: 2 Peter 3: 15b - Paul’s writings as compared to “rest of the Scriptures”

Apostolic writing is Scripture

But 1:20-21 Peter talking about OT as basis of confidence for his teaching

Review/Conclusion

Are you living in the perspective of the Reality of your Death?

Talked about death, but point is really about Life

Deity of Christ, Peter called him Lord, is he your Lord?

Dependability of Scripture, are you confident in the Word of God?

Peter remind his readers, Jesus also gave us a reminder.

Invite to communion