

2 Peter 1:12-15

Verse 12

Therefore I shall always be ready to remind you of these things – Because Peter wanted their “entrance into the eternal kingdom” to be richly supplied he knew the importance of reviewing foundational truths.

Even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present in you – Peter implies that they do not need any new teaching but that they already have the truth and are grounded in it. All they need to do is hold on!

Established = sterizo from which we get the word steroid!

Verse 13

And I consider it right...to stir you up by way or reminder – Peter knew how easily we tend to forget what we know. “Stir up” is used in John 6:18 to describe a storm on the Sea of Galilee!

As long as I am in this earthly dwelling – Literally, “as long as I am in this tent”. The word means “tent or tabernacle”. Note John 1:14, 2 Cor. 5:1ff, Rev. 21:3.

Verse 14

Knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent – Peter knew his earthly body (tent) would soon die.

As also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me – Jesus’ prophecy about Peter’s death is recorded in John 21:18-19. Peter was probably in his 60s at this time and knew his earthly life was almost over.

Verse 15

And I will also be diligent – Peter knew the importance of being grounded in the Word of God and sound teaching. This highly motivated him to teach and write the truths of Scripture. He also understood how quickly we move away from truth if we are not constantly reminded.

That at any time after my departure you may be able to call these things to mind – Literally, “that you may have a reminder of these things”. Peter’s two epistles are reminders of these things. He may have also been referring to the Gospel of Mark. Many Bible scholars believe that Mark wrote his gospel under the guidance of Peter.

All believers need to be established in basic, foundational Christian truth (1 Corinthians 3:11). The person and work of Jesus Christ is of utmost importance! Paul calls Christ’s death and resurrection “first importance” in 1 Corinthians 15:3. One of the Holy Spirit’s ministries is to bring to remembrance the teachings of Jesus and to also glorify Him (John 14:26, 16:14).

Could you fill in the circles illustration?

