

2 Peter 1:12–15

[12] Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. [13] I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, [14] since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. [15] And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. (ESV)

Introduction

2 Peter 1:1-11 – how Christians mature and are sanctified
. Considering a coming problem of apostasy.

Putting of the Body:

- Charles Wesley – prolific hymn writer.
 - Wrote “Aged and Helpless” on his death bed.
- Question: *What final words would you want to leave?*
- Testaments in the Bible:
 - 1. Prediction of death, 2. Prophecy of future crisis, 3. Exhortations to virtue, 4. A commission, and 5. The legacy of the author.
 - (Gen 49:1-33; Deut 33:1-29; Josh 24:1-28; Acts 20:17-35; John 13-17; 2 Peter)
- The body = a “tent.”
 - LSB – “earthly dwelling.”
 - Acts 7:45b -46
- What does a “tent” imply?
 - Temporariness
 - Weakness
- 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
 - The Apostle Paul speaks of his body as a “tent.”
 - “Tent” contrasted with a “building from God.”
- Be sure – the body is still “good.”
- The encouragement that “tent” language brings us.

- 2LBCF: 31.1 - 1. The bodies of those who have died return to dust and undergo destruction But their souls neither die nor sleep, because they have an immortal character, and immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous are then made perfect in holiness and are received into paradise. There they are with Christ and behold the face of God in light and glory while they wait for the full redemption of their bodies.
- Peter is “putting off his body soon.”
 - John 21:18-19
 - Foxe’s account

Remember:

- If you are living your life right and have been faithful, then the last thing you have to say should be the same thing that you’ve already been saying.
- The call to remember is a theme in all of the Bible.
 - Some OT examples: Deut 6:4, 7-9, 7:18, 8:2, 18-20, 9:7; 1 Chron 16:12; Isa 17:10, 51:13; Psalm 88:12
 - Some NT examples: John 15:20; Acts 20:35; 2 Tim 2:8; Jude 5, 17; 2 Peter 3:1-2; James 1:25
- We all need to take up the ministry of reminding.
- Peter’s emphasis
 - To be godly/holy
- Through preaching and writing
 - Corporately is primary
 - Individually is secondary
- Resting in remembering

Book Recommendations:

The New American Commentary (1,2 Peter, Jude) by Thomas Schreiner
2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith
The Baptist Catechism
Foxes Book of the Martyrs by John Foxe