

2 Peter - Week 5 Called to Be Sanctified

2 Peter 1:12 I plan to keep on reminding you of these things even though you already know them and are really getting along quite well! 13 But the Lord Jesus Christ has showed me that my days here on earth are numbered, and I am soon to die. As long as I am still here I intend to keep sending these reminders to you, 15 hoping to impress them so clearly upon you that you will remember them long after I have gone. 16 For we have not been telling you fairy tales when we explained to you the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. My own eyes have seen his splendor and his glory: 17 I was there on the holy mountain when he shone out with honor given him by God his Father; 18 I heard that glorious, majestic voice calling down from heaven, saying, "This is my much-loved Son; I am well pleased with him." 19 So we have seen and proved that what the prophets said came true. You will do well to pay close attention to everything they have written, for, like lights shining into dark corners, their words help us to understand many things that otherwise would be dark and difficult. But when you consider the wonderful truth of the prophets' words, then the light will dawn in your souls and Christ the Morning Star will shine in your hearts. 20 For no prophecy recorded in Scripture was ever thought up by the prophet himself. It was the Holy Spirit within these Godly men who gave them true messages from God. TLB

- Sanctification is simply **KNOWING** God and living out God's **CHARACTER** in our own lives.
- Peter bases his argument or sermon on the character of God and the cross of Christ and the need to **IMPLEMENT** these character traits into our own lives.
- The holy life is a process and it's **PROGRESSIVE**.

Two aspects to the character of God we need to see in the life of Peter:

1. How **FATHERLY** he is, and
2. How **FEARFUL** he is

Peter has told them to be **DILIGENT**.

Sometimes God **WITHHOLDS** what we desire because it is not what is best for us.

Three motivations behind Peter's ministry:

1. The desire to be **OBEDIENT** to Christ's commands
2. The desire to do the **RIGHT THING**
Doing right ought to be motive enough for us to fulfill the calling to be light to a dark world.
3. The desire to **ENDEAVOR** (to achieve his goal)

In this passage what is Peter's real goal here?

- He wanted them to **REMEMBER**.
 - Peter means to stir up remembrances: to **AWAKEN**, to arouse.
 - “Lord, help! I am drowning in the sea of **FORGETFULNESS** and difficulty.”
 - We forget what we ought to **REMEMBER**, and remember what we should forget.
 - Knowing truth and **APPLYING** truth is not the same thing.
 - The nature of faith is to **GROW**.
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- Peter's message was **CLEAR** and emphatic.
 - Peter's message was based on strong **CONVICTIONS**.
 - Believers must know **TRUTH** (not others' opinions) and live by those convictions.
 - Post truth: Describing debate that is based on passion and **EMOTIONS** rather than reason and evidence.
 - **FEELINGS** trump truth.
 - Peter's convictions were based on personal **EXPERIENCE**
 - Peter was an **EYE-WITNESS** of the glory and majesty of Christ.

Final thoughts:

- Allow the Holy Spirit to become **REAL** to you in every day life.
- “This is my Son with whom I am well pleased” ought to be what folks see in us **REGULARLY**.
- Learn to live your life in such a way that God is pleased and you are **ENJOYING** it.

Sanctification is the experience in which the cleansing process is set in motion, to purge sin and conform us to the image of Jesus.