

Peter Describes Your Life

2 Peter 1:1-15

Outline

As we turn to 2 Peter in this short sermon series, we find an old, wise Peter near his death. He undoubtedly is thinking of his own life, but he begins this letter with an overview of your life.

Escape (1:4). Peter's word to describe conversion

- Escape from what? (1:4)
- Escape to what? (1:4)
- How did this happen? (1:1,3)

Increase (1:8). Peter's word to describe your current life of sanctification. (= growth in holiness, becoming like Christ)

- Growing qualities (1:5-7)
- To achieve this, should I be passive or active? (1:5)
- Why am I not growing, Peter? (1:9)

Eternity (1:11). Peter's word to describe the next life

Peter's going to die (1:14) -- no wonder why he's looking back at life.

- His goal: "reminding" (1:12, 13, and 15!)

Final thoughts and application:

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Look back at your life:
 - a. What were the most important moments?
 - b. What have you learned that you would be most eager to pass on?
2. Peter looks at the life of a follower of Christ:
 - a. It begins with "escape" (1:4). Can you relate? What did you escape from?
 - b. It continues with "increase" (1:8). When have you grown and when didn't you? What was the difference?
 - c. It exits into "eternity" (1:11). Do you think about this now? Is it important to you?
3. Why is Peter so keen on reminding us? (1:12, 13, 15) Is that actually helpful to you?