

1 Peter 1:1-2 Reminders

5/3/09 - The Exchange

- I. It's A Wonderful Life
 - A. Bert & Ernie
 - B. Janie & Thanksgiving
 - C. Uncle Billie
 - 1. Role in movie
 - 2. Off camera improv
 - 3. Moment w/Potter
 - 4. Reminders on his fingers
 - 5. What happens when we forget or compromise or get arrogant
 - D. We all need reminders
 - 1. Senior Palm Pilots
 - 2. Teflon brain
 - 3. Husbands, call wives on the way home
 - E. 2 Peter 1:12-15 Reminders of the Truth
 - 1. The basics and what happens when we neglect them
 - 2. The need to master the basics and grow beyond them
 - a) Athletes
 - b) Farmers
 - c) Tech "Is it plugged in?"
 - d) The faith - not just false doctrine, loss of hope, life, reality
- II. Book intro
 - A. Written by Peter- Some say no because of education and style of Greek.
 - 1. 30 years since Jesus ascended, time to mature.
 - 2. Possibly being transcribed by more educated?
 - 3. "Seeing as these are untrained and unlearned men."
 - B. When - early 60's AD
 - C. Where/Who - Believers in Turkey, Jews and Gentiles. What is a Gentile?
 - 1. Biologically and religiously non-Jew
 - 2. A pagan, a non-believer.
 - 3. Christians are grafted into Israel and are no longer "Gentiles" in the pagan sense, but are still referred to as "Gentiles" in the non-Jewish sense.
 - D. Why - Living life in Jesus, for Jesus, at all times, because He gave it all for you.
 - 1. Suffering persecution
 - 2. For the world, the government, masters, marriages.
 - 3. In and through all of this to show people Jesus
- III. 1:1-2
 - A. 1:1
 - 1. Peter - bring down to our level, or bring us up to his
 - a) He is a man, a human. How many of us are human?
 - b) Apostle
 - (1) generically, one who is sent out. Barnabas and others called apostles.
 - (2) Specifically of a few as a title that carries authority.

- c) Disappears after Acts 15, yet had connect with these people.
- 2. pilgrims of the Dispersion - believers who split under Saul pre-Paul
- B. 1:2 Need to see the verse as a whole. The Trinity, each member with a function.
 - 1. Elect - our being elect is reflected, accomplished, the following
 - a) elect - simply means chosen, selected, picked. Danger in logical extremes. The truth pendulum.
 - b) Who are the elect? Those who have responded to the Gospel. When is it too late to responds? Death. The rapture is not a "second chance."
 - c) Moody - God, save the elect, and then elect some more.
 - 2. BY The Father.
 - a) Election accomplished by the Father from eternity.
 - b) foreknowledge - prognosis, to know beforehand. The flaw in fatalism is in the way it is applied.
 - 3. HOW The Spirit
 - a) Election accomplished as a process by the Spirit.
 - b) The means, mechanism by which we are sanctified
 - c) Sadly, sanctification is becoming a foreign concept, as is the Person of the HS.
 - d) Set apart from the world, to God, for the purpose of being sent back into the world to make disciples. Not an isolated life, a set-apart life.
 - e) People freak out at the Spirit. Tongues! Prophecy! Comfort, encouragement, strength, conviction, power to witness.
 - 4. WHY The Son
 - a) Election demonstrated by obedience and accomplished by Jesus' blood.
 - b) The Son to obey and be sprinkled by the blood of Jesus. Huh?
 - c) obedience
 - (1) an act of our will, in submission to another. Not popular today.
 - (2) not in conflict with being elect. Election and free will always seem to be coupled. Not in opposition, in harmony.
 - d) OT looked forward to what Jesus did on the cross, shedding His blood to take away sins. Elect to receive this.
- IV. Our first reminder - A reminder of what and who you are because of what the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have done, are doing, and continue to do.
 - A. Having this in mind is the basis for the rest of the letter.
 - B. It helps us not only in times of crisis, but when we need confidence and encouragement.
 - C. It's the best news there is, and needs to be shared and lived.