

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

(16) For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.

(19) And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Think on these things:

- 1) Verse 12 builds on last week’s study. Looking at verses 5-8, what were the qualities of the Christian life that Peter felt compelled to share with the Christian community? Again, when these life qualities are increasingly manifest in our walk with God, how do they help Christians?

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- 2) In v.12, Peter says it doesn’t bother him to remind Christians of these things. What are some basic, but important, Christian truths that it’s always good to remind one another of --- even though most Christians know them?

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- 3) If you were on your death bed, what important things would you want to say to your family and the people who are closest to you?

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4) Read Matthew 17:1-8. What event is reported here, and who were the “eyewitnesses” (v.16). What did Matthew record was their reaction to being with Jesus at this time?

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5) Now let’s discuss a very important objection people have to the Bible. From verses 16 and 20-21, “who” is the author of the Bible? Consider that there are 66 books in the Protestant Bible.

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6) What objections can you list that people share in rejecting the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) From v.16, what did some people come to believe about the story of Jesus? (...that Peter refutes by saying, “No, I am an eyewitness that He was real, and I spent years with Him!”)

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8) What is the role of men in biblical prophecy (vs. 20-21)?

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9) What is Peter’s answer to, “Men just made this stuff up.”

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10) There is a caution, warning, about men (including preachers and teachers) who make up things and say, “This is what God says!” Read Deuteronomy 18:18-22. How can we know if God is speaking to us or a man is speaking on his own? Consider Revelation 22:18-19 and James 3:1

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People and situations I want to pray for this week: