

Introduction

- The last letter Peter writes – He dies shortly after
- He had denied that he knew Jesus, but this time it's different
- Jesus had reinstated Peter in John 21
- This time instead of denying Jesus He is confessing Him
- Jesus makes a promise to the disciples

2 Peter 1:12–15 (NIV) ¹² So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

2 Peter 1:3–8 (NIV) ³ His divine power has given us everything we need **for a godly life through our knowledge of him** who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ **Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that** through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵ For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. He promised commitment to certain things and kept them

- If I have Him, I have all that I need: scripture, the church, the Holy Spirit
- God has the power and has already given it to us
- Look for the truth in the spiritual realm though I can't see it in the physical
- The enemy will tell me I don't have what I really do
- I can live a godly life right now in Christ Jesus no matter what
- I can escape my sinful nature right now and choose Jesus

Philippians 4:11–13 (NIV) ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

0. He promises to help (in the future tense)

- Live a godly life in Christ Jesus
- Escape corruption
- Make us productive and significant
- Materially – Matthew 6:31-34
- Immaterially – a godly and productive life
- It's for me – He sees me – He knows me -He cares for me

0. What does that look like – Him – me

- Remember Jesus says He is THE SHEPHERD John 10

Psalms 23:1–6 (NIV) ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

John 10:11–15 (NIV) ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He is my Shepherd. Is He your shepherd?

John 10:3-5 (NIV) ³The gatekeeper opens the gate **for him**, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

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1. He gives me all I need
2. He leads me -refreshes -forces me to lay down
3. He disciplines and protects - which comforts
4. He cares for me even though I have enemies
5. He is with me even through the valley of shadow of death
6. He has a destination for me - the house of the Lord forever

What do I do?

1. I follow and obey Him- I do what He asks of me knowing that no matter what happens He will be with me
2. I can ask for change but if there isn't any I trust He is with me
3. I go through the hard things with His promises in mind -I will be okay (because of *His faithfulness*)



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