

Stir Up the Gospel Pt. 3

II Peter 1:12-15 Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, August 2, 2023 We'll Work, Till Jesus Comes

¹²Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, Remind—3x in these verses, then again 3:1-2 **I. What you have been given is precious and is under attack.** v. 12 talking about eternal life in eternal kingdom with THE KING **A. The gospel is sufficient. Stay focused there.** ¹²Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already know them*, specifically vv. 3-11, but talking about common body of truth given; **I Cor. 15:1-4**, Jude 3 write about our common salvation, contend earnestly for “the faith”—**Why need to be reminded IF already know it? What causes facts you believe to fade?** Disconnect b/n words and your life—not seeing how it lives, not valuing position and promises so looking elsewhere for value, instruction; talking about confessional foundation that dictates practice (faith vs. the faith) **what happens if focus on faith apart from “the faith?”** focus on sincerity, genuineness, whether fulfilled in ministry/service, NOT standard, accountability; so goals come from another final authority like your feelings, smaller joys (sleep, eat, friends, immediate emotions instead of struggle to uncover/discover/understand/obey); this leaves **life coming from “the mission” rather than mission coming from life of God**; whatever need to study culture/relevance, VERY important that figure out core/eternal standard; comes from learning more about kingdom of heaven and treasuring it AND this comes as know/treasure King of heaven; **what are the absolutes/foundation of faith—things you would fight to protect or not authentic gospel?** Not final list, doctrinal statement, asked in membership what would look like to defend/live these basic points—**where would these slip? We can teach, YOU must study them on own**) Christ at center Jn. 14:6, **Eph. 4:21** Look to God through Christ and focus on gospel given you! **B. The gospel given has been lived. Live it now!** and have been established in the truth which is present with you. you have! need to continue work out implications of gospel in daily, ordinary life as study God; **1. Can you articulate the gospel? 2. Are you conscious of how that gospel lives/effects each moment of each day in your life? Tripp Quest for More—big kingdom lived in same place as little kingdom lives 3. Can you identify other gospels that daily threaten the gospel calling for you to defend and proclaim the gospel to yourself and others? (different priorities than the gospel); remember, false teaching only dangerous b/c you WANT it—feeding some need/desire—seems more attractive than gospel fullness—remember Davids, “memory fades fast when the pressure is on or when new and attractive teaching comes along” p. 193 at best distracting, keeping from pure mission and obedience and stealing resources, but DANGEROUS, students of false teachers are unstable, II Pet. 2:14 warp Scripture II Pet. 3:16 especially need reminding when don’t have Bible or other Christian literature, but also when HAVE material that WOULD influence if we would only read it Davids, p. 194 Calvin—security and indulgence should weaken what they learned and at length extinguish it Calvin, p. 379 these reminders VERY much down to earth. **Peter reinforcing gospel already given speaks of power of gospel**; **Col. 1:4-6, Rom. 16:25, I Thess. 2:9, 3:2-4, I Pet. 5:10**; Schreiner notes that as this truth grasps them, grants them power to live in way pleasing to God; strengthening gospel by reminders is job not merely of pastors, but of Christian; don’t focus only on failures, Live gospel NOW! **II. Time is short.** vv. 13-14 ¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly dwelling*, to stir you up by way of reminder, tent, temporary shelter; doesn’t mean body worthless, just that time here marked/limited; ¹⁴ knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly dwelling* is imminent, soon I will put it all aside; as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. Perhaps vision, but focus here probably on what sees--age w growing persecution combined w **Jn. 21:18-19** words of Jesus that not natural death; time short! As look at end of my life approaching, THIS is RIGHT thing to do: **Why is this “right” to remind them in view of his impending death?** Shows value, shows priorities, shows responsibility; think from other side, **what dangers must be avoided when feeling shortness of time? (coxswain? Cox or coxie—does not row but steers boat, faces forward—coordinates power and rhythm of the rowers—coach in the boat—rowers sit w their backs to direction of travel—motivate, encourage, help coach train) calling; I Pet. 5:1-4, II Pet. 1:1, caring for their soul, proclaiming gospel and exhorting to keep it in mind—Christian KNOWS more than just here; live for THAT kingdom, NOW—think cadence of rowing/direction; must fulfill that calling; short time to fulfill it! Schreiner notes, Peter, “by appealing to his death and the words of Jesus, invoked his authority.” P. 308 many farewell addresses in Scripture—Jacob Gen. 49:1-33, Moses Deut. 33:1-29, Joshua Josh 24:1-28, Jesus Jn. 13:1-17:26, Paul at Miletus **Acts 20:17-35—if important for them in line w their calling, then important for Peter as well—prioritize as come to end; “The nearer our journey’s end be, the faster should we run, according to our strength, in serving Christ, and doing good to souls: for when death is near the best will think the great part of their business undone.” Nisbet, p. 234** ¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly dwelling*, to stir you up by way of reminder, be devoted to THIS truth (center, life, goal); NOT drift or enticed to other “truth”/center; Rom. 12:2 world daily/subtly keeps trying to squeeze us into its mold of what sounds true, but no life (**Isobel Kuhn “In the Arena” Chapter 3—Moody, fellow student burdened that all the required reading for study of Scriptures make people forget personal devotion where word leads to worship, repentance, obedience**) this is living word of Heb. 4:12, **II Tim. 2:16-19** be diligent--all else useless talk, gangrene, speculation; instead cleanse self, vessel of honor USEFUL to Master **summarize Peter’s hope for these reminders. What would result from heeding these reminders?******

John 21:18-19 “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.”¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”

Romans 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

2 Corinthians 5:1, 4 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

2 Corinthians 11:10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of Achaia.

Ephesians 4:21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

Colossians 1:4-6 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶ which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 3:2-4 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith, ³ so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. ⁴ For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

2 Timothy 2:16-22 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.” ²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. ²² Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.