

Sunday December 5th 2010
The Second of Peter
Part Three – Study Questions

1). Which verses in 2Peter Chapter 1 describe what it means to ‘contend earnestly for the faith’?

2). What process does contending earnestly for the faith parallel?

a). What 2 interdependent things does our process to spiritual maturity depend upon?

b). What gifts did God give towards our process to maturity and where in scripture will we find them described?

c). Why is the ministry of the word through these gifts to the Church an indispensable part of our process to maturity?

d). Why might these ministries be of particular importance when we come to consider apostasy within the church?

3). *2Pe 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;*

a). Why do we need to be even more diligent?

b). Who has responsibility for making our call and election sure?

- c). What is our call and what scriptures do we have that describe it?
- d). To what does our ‘election’ refer and what scriptures help us understand it?
- e). What are ‘these things’?
- f). When our verse says, ‘if you do these things you will never stumble’ does that mean we will never sin again and if not then how should we understand this part of the verse?

4). 2Pe 1:11 *for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

- a). What is the promise for those who do ‘these things’ and what do you think it would mean?

5). 2Pe 1:12 ¶ *For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.*

- a). What is ‘this reason’ and how should we understand this verse?
- b). What do you think this would mean for us personally?

6). 2Pe 1:13 *Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,*

- a). What is the idea expressed in this part of the verse in the original language?
- b). Why would this be Peter's solemn duty? And why doesn't this change with his impending death?
- c). Can you make any connection between this and Ephesians Chapter 4?
- d). What does it mean 'to stir you up' and why would Peter's readers need this?
- e). Why would being stirred up be pertinent to ourselves?
- f). What is Peter's focus with regards to the time that would follow his death with regards to this?

7). 2Pe 1:16 ¶ *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.*

- a). What event is Peter recollecting here and what is his purpose in doing so?
- b). Where would we find the account of this eyewitness experience?

c). Why do you think that Moses and Elijah were present with the Lord at His transfiguration?

d). What would be the effect on Peter, James and John's Jewish eyes and ears of this experience?

8). 2Pe 1:19 ¶ *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

a). What 2 ways can the opening statement of v19 be understood?

b). How should we decide which of these 2 is correct?

c). Why is the 'prophetic word' more sure than Peter's experience of the transfiguration?

d). What should we learn from this for ourselves?

e). Why would we do well to heed the 'prophetic word'?

f). How is the 'prophetic word' described in the middle part of v19?

g). What is significant about this description?

h). How long are we to heed the 'prophetic word'?

i). Where does the imagery at the end of v19 take us?

j). How would this imagery tie in with all we have looked at in 2 Peter so far?

k). What do v20-21 teach us about scripture?

l). What other scripture corroborates this for us?

m). With this being the case what do you think our attitude towards the scriptures should be?

n). Why do you think that it is the inspired integrity of the scriptures that the Holy Spirit focuses on right before beginning to deal with false teachers?