

Be Sure of Your Salvation

2 Peter 1:10-15

Introduction: When Peter wrote his last letter, 2 Peter, he saw some ominous signs on the horizon. He wanted believers to be grounded in the truth and live fruitful lives while they await the return of Christ. In our post-modern, post-Christian America, we all need God's absolute truth because everywhere else you turn is mush.

How do we make our calling and election sure? How do we verify that we are truly saved? (vs. 10)

What will be the outcome of living such a life?

1. Growing in these qualities will prevent you from being ineffective. (vs. 8)
2. Growing in these qualities will prevent you from being unfruitful. (vs. 8)
3. Growing in these qualities will keep you from ever falling or stumbling. (vs. 10)
4. Growing in these qualities will provide you a rich entrance into the eternal kingdom. (vs. 11)

Four Characteristics of Good Biblical Pastors/Teachers

1. Good biblical pastors/teachers always remind their flock of what they already know. (vs.

12)

2. Good biblical pastors/teachers always stir believers up with the truth in a good way. (vs. 13)

3. Good biblical pastors/teachers preach with urgency because they know that their time to communicate these life transforming truths is short. (vs. 14)

4. Good biblical pastors/teachers are diligent to preach essential truths that will guide the flock long after they are gone. (vs. 15)

Conclusion:

I am calling you to make your old life so unlivable that you simply cannot return. Make your new life a place where the highest and best are honored long after you are gone.