

Peter's Farewell Letter

2nd Peter Series – Part 1

Scripture text – 2nd Peter 1:1-2

Introduction

- In expository preaching, _____ controls the message to a greater degree.
- As to genre, 2nd Peter is a _____ that begins with a standard greeting, although one loaded with theological significance.

The Occasion

- When studying one of the NT letters, you always want to know the _____ of the letter.
- In this case, Peter knew he was nearing _____.
- In ancient times, prominent religious figures wrote a _____ letter.
- Such letters typically contained:
 1. A _____ of their teaching; and
 2. A _____ of the future.

Two Oddities

1. Peter substitutes _____ for _____
 - This is because salvation is far more _____ than many Christians think
 - It actually includes 11 different elements that extend from eternity _____ to eternity _____
 - How _____ is your understanding of salvation?
2. Peter includes our faith as being _____ from God
 - He is destroying _____ notion of claiming _____ credit whatsoever for _____ aspect of our salvation

By the Righteousness Of

- This explains the _____ or _____ of salvation

- The ground or basis is Christ's perfect _____
 1. His _____ obedience – the fact he kept the law perfectly for 33 years.
 2. His _____ obedience – the fact he submitted himself unto _____.

A Revelation of the Future

- Peter's primary concern wasn't _____, but rather _____.
- Similarly, this should be *our* primary concern, even as we see a culture turning more _____ toward Christianity.
- The more hostile the culture (toward Christianity), the more susceptible we are to _____ that will lessen the hostility & make it more _____.
- This is what false teachers _____.