

SERMON OUTLINE

LIVE WITH DEATH IN MIND

2 PETER 1:12-15

MAY 22ND, 2022

THREE KEYS TO CONFIRMING SALVATION:

1. Establish deep roots in the truth: vs. 12

Various Ways God Establishes His People:

- God uses our obedience: "The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways." – Deut. 28:9
- God uses suffering: 1 Peter 5:10, "But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."
- God uses other believers: 1 Thess. 3:2, "and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith."
- God uses Jesus: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith." – Colossians 2:6-7
- God uses the gospel: "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." – Romans 16:25

2. Remember the right things: vs. 13, 15

- "We are simple people. You can't remember ten things at once. Invariably, if you could remember just one true thing in the moment of trial, you'd be different. Bible 'verses' aren't magic. But God's words are revelations of God from God for our redemption. When you actually remember God, you do not sin. The only way we ever sin is by suppressing God, by forgetting, by tuning out his voice, switching channels, and listening to other voices. When you actually remember, you actually change. In fact, remembering is the first change." – David Powlison

3. Live with death in mind: vs. 14

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." – Psalm 90:12

"It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure." – Ecclesiastes 7:2, 4

"Living men are never more truly alive than when they are under a due sense that they are also dying men. When we realize that eternity is very near us, and we are consciously drawing near to the great judgment-seat of Christ, then all our faculties are fully aroused, and our whole being is bent on doing the Master's work with the utmost vigor and earnestness." – Charles Spurgeon

BENEDICTION: "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:21-23