

The Death of Peter

By Dan Jenkins

In the closing verses of John, Jesus foretold the nature of the death of Peter. He reminded Peter of that time when he was young and could dress himself and was free to go wherever he wanted. He then said, "But when you are old another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

The Holy Spirit then adds these comments, "This He said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God" (John 21:18-19). Tradition says that Peter was crucified, but, at his request, he was crucified upside down for he did not feel worthy to die like Jesus.

We are not sure of the details of Peter's death, but we do have his writings shortly before he died. "Knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as the Lord Jesus Christ showed me" (2 Pet. 1:14). They show us how he used the short time he had.

Note how Peter regarded his own body. It was just a tent. It was not his eternal dwelling. Some who pay so much attention to keeping the body fit and healthy, getting proper exercise and eating the proper food, fail to realize that while bodily exercise profits, godliness is "... profitable for all things, having promise for the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). Paul speaks of how in this tent we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed in heavenly garments (2 Cor. 5:1-2). We must never forget that our body is simply a tent which we lay aside in death.

With death approaching, what was Peter doing with the time he had left? He was spending time with those who already knew truth and was not negligent in reminding the saved of these matters, so that they could continue to be established in the truth they already knew (2 Pet. 1:12).

He was spending time "as long as I am in this tent" to always remind them and to stir them up by that reminding (2 Pet. 1:12-13). There is a grave danger in the lives of Christians today of a vital truth. As they mature, they reach a point when they think they no longer need Sunday Bible classes, Sunday evening service and Wednesday classes. Failure to continue to study the Bible or to think we already know it is so dangerous. Peter knew the Christians to whom he was writing already knew what he was telling them, but he also knew that hearing truths again and again strengthens us.

Peter saw that how he spent his life would impact the lives of those after he brought glory to God in how he died. "I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease" (2 Pet. 1:15). In death we leave behind a treasure of eternal truth that will remind others.

Think about it. What are you doing "as long as you are in this tent"?

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. Our last contribution was \$1,050.00. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Viola Schultz 11/28 (100th) Alena Brown 12/9
 Carrie Thompson 12/5 Dan Metcalf 12/10
 David Glenn 12/8 Dustin Dessaro 12/11

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Happy Anniversary! Doug & Nellie Hoff 11/27

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You're invited to celebrate Viola's 100th birthday!!
Join us TONIGHT after PM Service for cake and ice cream!

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Our congregation Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 17th @ 6pm

Bring your favorite holiday snack and dessert to share.
 We will also be doing a gift exchange, bring a gift (up to \$10/\$15 in value)
 for each person who will be participating (kids-big kids).

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**We will be giving food boxes and gifts to families in the community for
 Christmas. There is a list on the back table to sign up for what items
 you can provide. The boxes will be delivered on December 21st.**

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	November 27, 2022 AM	November 27, 22 PM	December 4, 22 AM
Greeter	Tom Muter	Jason Bang	Tom Muter
Announcements	Owen Whittington	John McGiffin	Jerry Thompson
Song Leading	Bryan Allen	Owen Whittington	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Usher (left)	Owen Whittington	Seth Arrell	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Jerry Thompson	Tim Bang	Tom Muter
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher (right)	Tom Muter	Brennan Arrell	Tim Bang



"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
John 15:12



Lord's Supper Reflection

Salvation is a Gift from God

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God..." Ephesians 2:8

Offering Meditation

Give with Spirit of Compassion and Love

"But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" Proverbs 3:27



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
*Larry Bey - Parkinson's
*Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health, in hospital
*Carrie (employee at The Oakley Place) - recently diagnosed with breast cancer
*Caroline Stine - will be having tests on a spot found on her breasts
*Doris (resident @ Oakley Place) - unresponsive/health
*Mark McGiffin (John McGiffin's brother) - is recovering from heart surgery to put in two stints
*Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - upcoming hip surgery
*Pam Illinik—health
*Sharon Thompson (Jerry Thompson's mom) - is recovering from knee surgery, still a lot of pain
*Viola Schultz - healing for her broken arm
*Marjorie Seiber - recovering from surgery
*Pamela Knapke (Sherrilynn Butt's daughter) - health concerns
*Carter Buckingham - will be having back surgery on Jan. 10th
*Owen Wogerman (baby in the family we help) - having breathing issues
*Theo (Rosalee's nephew) - still in the hospital, but health is improving
*Margaret Haguewood (Tim & Dianna's great-granddaughter) and parents - recovering from RSV

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.



Attendance and Contribution Record

Table with 2 columns: Sunday, November 30 and Wednesday, November 23. Rows include Bible Classes, AM Attendance, PM Attendance, and Contribution.

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



November 27, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.