

sure for if you do these things you will never fall." You cannot save yourself. It is only the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ that can save you. But you can make your salvation apparent to others! And make it such that they can see you are saved and they can see in your life the fruit if you do your part to make your calling and election sure.

For if ye do these things ye shall never fail, for so an entrance shall be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Therefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things though ye know them and that is what he wants us to do. He wants us to remind one another of them. He wants us to put them in remembrance of what He has done and what we should be doing to develop the blessings He has given us. He wants us to bring them to the remembrance of our friends and associates though you know them and are established in the present truth, that is the truth you have already. He wants us to help one another to have a greater understanding of more of His truth.

He says, Yes and I think it meet -- that's a good old English word. "Meet" - we never use it today. We say, I think it's fitting, proper. As long as I am in this tabernacle to stirr you up by putting you in remembrance. Was Peter an evangelist who did all his preaching in tabernacles? As long as he is in this tabernacle he is going to do this but when he is outside he'll quit presenting God's Word? Well, this word tabernacle in Old English simply means a tent. That's all it means. It is not necessarily a religious thing at all, but of course as the Israelites came through the wilderness God ordered them to make a tent. In this tent they worshipped God. So in this Old English word tabernacle we have come to use as a place to worship God. What it means is a tent, a temporary dwelling. Peter says, As long as I am in this temporary dwelling I know I shall be stirring you up by putting you in remembrance. Knowing this shortly that I must put off this my tent, even as our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me. God revealed to Peter when he would put off the tent in which he was living.

Now none of us know how much longer we will have the tent we live in. He calls his body a tent. That's not a person, that body. That's the tent we live in. That's the machine God has given us with which we are able to make contact with physical things. We are able to see and hear and have contact with others through this tent in which we live. Peter says, I know that I will leave this tent before long. I get irritated when I hear that somebody has saved 40 lives. How many lives do the people living 100 years ago have been saved? Practically all of them are dead today. You don't save a life, you simply lengthen by a little bit the length of time that a person has the possession or use of this particular faculty. God has better ones for us later on. It's a temporary abode, a temporary tent He gives us. It's a wonderful thing, The mystery of the making of the human body are beyond conception and beyond understanding. It is marvellous what God has given us! But that's not us. We're simply living in it. It's our tent we live in.