

VISION

20/20

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2 Pet. 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Last week, we considered the introduction of our theme for 2020:

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In order for us to have a clear vision of our future paths, we must be clear in our understanding of our present standing with the Lord. We begin with “Faith’s Convictions:”

I. FAITH’S CONVICTIONS, 1:1-21

A. As to the walk with God, 1:1-15

1. The secret of commencing well, 1:1-4

2. The secret of continuing well, 1:5-9

a. The path of diligence, 1:5-8

(1) Faithful addition, 1:5-7

(2) Fruitful abundance, 1:8

b. The path of delusion, 1:9

(1) The believer who has lost sight of his conviction, 1:9a

(2) The believer who has lost sight of his conversion, 1:9b

A person can know the Lord and then lose vision of convictions and conversion. Instead of being spiritually nearsighted, we must implement action to maintain a clear vision for the new year, making “OUR FOCUS” for living dependent upon learning “HIS VISION.”

In verse 10, we begin with a vision regarding “the secret of concluding well:”

3. The secret of concluding well, 1:10-15

a. Peter’s Exhortation, 1:10-12

(1) The nature of his exhortation, 1:10-11

(a) Be sure! 1:10a “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure...”

- ❖ “Wherefore” = Because of verses 5-7, we must put forth a diligent effort instead of being spiritually myopic, or near-sighted, “...brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure...”
- ❖ The “calling and election sure” is for the “brethren” – saved one, believers – regarding assurance of salvation.
- ❖ In order to have 20/20 vision for the future, we must focus on our spiritual standing at the present.
- ❖ The foundation of faith produces assurance and confidence for the peace of mind of a believer that Christ is the Rock of salvation – how a believer is “sure.”

Original Word: βέβαιος

Transliteration: bebaios

Definition: firm, secure

Usage: firm, steadfast, enduring, sure, certain.

bébaios – properly, solid (sure) enough to walk on;
hence, firm, unshakable; (figuratively) absolutely dependable,
giving guaranteed support (security, surety).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/949.htm>

(b) But more! 1:10b-11

i. You will not fall now, 1:10b “...for **if** ye do these **things**, ye shall **never fall**:”

Original Word: πταίω

Transliteration: ptaió

Definition: to cause to stumble, to stumble

Usage: I stumble, fall, sin, err, transgress.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4417.htm>

- ❖ To understand this properly, it is a promise, a vision of victory for the believer!
- ❖ This is a promise of stability, NOT infallibility!
- ❖ The stability is dependent upon obedient implementation and understanding of Scriptural principles – “...for IF ye DO these things, ye shall NEVER FALL:”

ii. You will not fail now, 1:11

2 Pet. 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- ❖ The ultimate vision for a believer is looking toward eternity.
- ❖ The “reward factor” for obedience is the “cause and effect” for the everlasting kingdom.

Original Word: ἐπιχορηγέω

Transliteration: epichorégeó

Usage: I supply, provide (perhaps lavishly), furnish.

epixorēgéō (from *epí*, "appropriately *on*," which intensifies *xorēgeō*, "richly *supply* everything needed for an ancient *chorus* to be a *grand* production") – **properly, lavishly supply, as it is suitable (apt) to outfit all that is needed to accomplish a grand objective.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2023.htm>

❖ The vision of the “grand objective” will be the reward for faithfulness.

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that **a man be found faithful.**

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

❖ Vision to live for Christ today will pay dividends in eternity.

Mt. 25:21 His lord said unto him, **Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things,** I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ...

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ...

34 **Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

❖ When we have a clear vision of His love for us, we have clear vision to live for Him.

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but **unto all them also that love his appearing**.

Jas. 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive **the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him**.

Summary

Imagine heaven as the ultimate harbor where the believer will anchor at the end of life.

Psa. 107:23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These **see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.**

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

28 **Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.**

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 **Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.**

31 Oh that *men* would **praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!**



Mike Plant became a legend in the sport of sailing, twice setting the American record for the fastest singlehanded circumnavigation and **recognized as one of five skippers in history to complete three solo laps of the planet at the time of his disappearance in 1992.** “He was a game-changer,” North Sails President, Ken Read, says of Plant. “For a young guy like me he was a huge influence... toughest guy I’ve ever met.”

<https://www.northsails.com/sailing/en/2018/11/coyote-the-mike-plant-story>

<https://www.si.com/vault/1992/11/30/127676/mystery-at-sea-after-a-massive-sea-and-air-search-the-60-foot-racing-sloop-coyote-was-found-capsized-in-the-north-atlantic-but-the-fate-of-her-skipper-round-the-world-sailor-michael-plant-was-still-unknown>

<https://www.nytimes.com/1993/10/24/sports/yacht-racing-a-year-later-the-focus-has-shifted-from-a-lost-sailor-to-his-boat.html>

An **Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon** or **EPIRB** is used to alert search and rescue services in the event of an emergency.

<https://www.oroliamaritime.com/2019/03/20/what-is-an-epirb/>

<https://www.cruisingworld.com/ten-years-after/>

- ❖ Mike Plant was in the prime of his life, an experienced sailor, had circumnavigated the world, somehow lost his keel bulb, without which he could not stay balanced and, consequently, capsized and drown. Living for Christ is our balance in the storms of life.
- ❖ He knew the value of a EPIRB, yet failed to register his, which could have saved his life. He sent out a signal of distress, but nobody answered. For eternity, only One can save!

Jer. 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and **we are not saved.**

Conclusion

Heb. 6:17 Wherein **God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel,** confirmed *it* by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was impossible for God to lie*, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast,** and which entereth into that within the veil;