1. **Introduction: the context**
   1. Peter wrote to help us make it to heaven.
   2. 2 Peter 1:5-10 – the need for diligence and continual growth.
   3. 2 Peter 1:12-15 – the need to retain and build upon what we’ve been taught.
   4. 2 Peter 1:16-21 – the need for confidence in God’s revelation.
   5. All because the apostasy Peter speaks of in 2 Peter Ch. 2
2. **Things that prevent apostasy already addressed in 2 Peter 2:**
   1. **Maintaining fear and reverence for God & His word.**
   2. **Being watchful and alert.**
   3. **Fight the suppression of truth.**
   4. **Trusting God’s righteous judgment - What will be said to us**
3. **How can we overcome the carnal weapons of our adversary?** 
   1. **Being Spiritually Minded.**
      1. **“Many will follow their sensuality...”** (**2 Peter 2:2**)
      2. Those who **walk according to the flesh**. (Galatians 5:16ff; Jeremiah 8:12; Exodus 32:25; cf., Numbers 25:1-9; Rev. 2:14)
      3. Those “**whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is their shame, who set their minds on earthly things**.” (Philippians 1:18-19; cf., Matthew 16:23)
      4. The **lusts of the flesh never satisfy** and **greed** always **follows**. (2 Peter 2:3, 14; cf., Romans 1:29)
   2. **Sowing To The Spirit Or Flesh?**
      1. **“Sowing” is work before, during & after.** (Exodus 23:16; Jeremiah 4:3-4; Galatians 6:7-8)
      2. **What are we sowing?** (1 Corinthians 9:11; John 6:27)
      3. **“Sowing” produces something/fruit**. (Haggai 1:6)
      4. **Our adversary is also busy “sowing”.** (Matthew 13:39)
         1. How so? How do we fight his efforts?
      5. **Who are we sowing for?** (Matthew 25:24)
      6. **Where does it begin?** (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:1-2)
         1. What am I doing to think about the things I should?
   3. **Spiritually Focused?**
      1. **How we “look” at things.** (2 Corinthians 10:7, cf., vs. 3-5, 10 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:12; Psalms 101:3; 119:37)
      2. **Learning to see as God sees, not man…** (1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 23:28)
      3. **Avoiding distractions**.
      4. **A way of thinking… a “mind-set”.** (Romans 8:5-8; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3)
   4. **Spiritually Disciplined?**
      1. **Does the spirit/Spirit rule the flesh?** (Romans 8:13)
      2. **Self-denial…** (Titus 2:11-14; Luke 9:23)
      3. **Self-control “in all things” must keep growing**… (1 Corinthians 9:25;   
         Galatians 5:23; 2 Peter 1:6; Acts 24:25)
      4. **Submission of self-will to God’s will** - (James 1:19-21; 4:6-7)
   5. **Spiritually Sustaining?**
      1. **Do I continually nourish and feed my spirit with the Spirit? Whatever it takes mentality?** (1 Timothy 4:6; Colossians 3:16; Acts 20:32)
      2. **Keep working/ serving**. (1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Timothy 4:7-10)
      3. **What is “the work of the Lord”?** (Philippians 2:30)
      4. **What do I do when I grow weary?** (Psalms 119:93; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Philemon 20; 2 Timothy 1:16)