

**SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER**  
**2Pet.1:1-15**  
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**I. INTRODUCTION**

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1. Our topic is: Some Things To Remember. Our basic text is: 2Pet.1:1-15
    - a. Especially vv.5-15.
    - b. With special attention called to vv.12-15.
  2. Herein Peter, due to his approaching death, directs their attention:
    - a. To things they much always remember.
    - b. To things they already knew, but had need to always keep in memory.
    - c. To positive things they need to remember.
    - d. To things that, if remembered, will make their service to God easier, and more pleasant, in spite of persecutions and hardships they will suffer for the faith of Jesus Christ.
  3. The power to remember is a great blessing.
    - a. Think how terrible and discouraging it would be if you couldn't remember anything about the past. What if you couldn't remember:
      - (1) Your parents.
      - (2) Your childhood.
      - (3) Your wedding day.
      - (4) Your courtship of your wife.
      - (5) Your children.
      - (6) Your children's first step; first words; first day of school.
      - (7) Your learning the truth and obeying the gospel.
      - (8) Your blessings in Christ in times past.
      - (9) That you have hope in Christ for the future in heaven.
    - b. We not only profit from remembering the good things, but also from the bad or unpleasant things of the past – such as our mistakes.
    - c. By remembering both the good and the bad we profit immensely.
    - d. If we don't remember the past, we are most likely to repeat it will all of its mistakes.
    - e. By properly remembering the past we profit from it.

4. We are not talking about remembering the past in order to live in the past, but in order to better live in the present..
5. We need to remember the past, but live in the present and have hope for the future.
6. I long ago determined that I would always remember the past, but never live in the past!
7. If one is in Christ by virtue of having believed and obeyed the gospel of Christ, and remains in Christ by virtue of present faithful service, that one will always have and be assured of hope for the future – both here and hereafter.
8. Most of us perhaps have what I call a “good forgettery.” We are often like Israel of old of whom God said they had forgotten him “days without number,” Jer.2:32.
9. In view of the fact that God’s people can forget God, Peter said what he did in 2Pet.1:1-15, esp. Vv.12-15, wherein he uses the language of victory, not that of defeat.
10. We, too, need to always remember these positive things, lest we dwell on the negative to our own destruction.
11. Thus in this lesson I call to our attention some of the things we need to remember.

## **II. DISCUSSION**

### **A. THAT THE CHRISTIAN’S LIFE IS ONE OF BLESSEDNESS.**

1. “Blessed is the man that walketh not in...,” Psa.1:1,2.
2. “Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord...,” Rev.14:13.
3. “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...,” Jas.1:12; Cf. 1Cor.10:13.
4. “Blessed are they who keep his testimonies,” Psa.119:2-11.
5. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints...” Psa.116:15.
6. “Blessed are they that do his commandments...,” Rev.22:14; Cf. Lk.6:46; Heb.5:9; Jno.13:17.

### **B. THAT THE CHRISTIAN’S LIFE IS ONE OF MANY PRIVILEGES AND REWARDS.**

1. The privilege of approaching God in prayer with assurance that the prayer of faith will be heard, Prov.28:9; 1Pet.3:12; Jas.5:16; Isa.59:1,2; Jas.1:5-8; 1Jno.5:14,15.
  - a. Only the penitent sinner can come to God in prayer, Psa.66:18; Jno.9:31; 1Pet.3:12.
2. Privilege of sonship: care, protection, heirship, Fatherly concern and acceptability.
3. Sins remitted, present blessings, future rewards, Ac.2:38; Mk.10:30; Tit.1:2; 2Th.1:6-10.

### **C. THAT THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE IS ONE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.**

1. With the blessing of life goes the responsibility to live it properly and uprightly, Tit.2:11,12.
2. With blessing of an education goes the responsibility of using it; knowledge, goes the duty of doing, Jno.13:17.
3. Our physical body, with its appetites, desires and pleasures, goes the responsibility to control it, 1Cor.9:27.
4. Marriage, goes the duties of companionship, of being a husband, a wife.
  - a. It seems some want a wife but don't want to be a husband.
  - b. And some want a husband but don't want to be a wife.
5. Children, go the responsibilities of parenthood to rear, train, teach, discipline, and set the proper parental example.
6. Godly parents, go the responsibility to honor and obey.
  - a. Children are to honor parents; but parents are to be worthy of honor.
  - b. Children never grow so old that they are exempt from this responsibility.
7. The freedom brought by truth, goes the duties of believing, obeying, teaching, upholding, defending, and, if necessary, dying for the truth!
8. God's existence, goes the duty of worshipping him in spirit and in truth,  
Jno.4:24; Heb.11:6; Eccl.12:13,14.
9. Forgiveness, goes the duty to forgive.
10. A job, goes the duty to work.
11. A family, goes the duty to support them.
12. A Savior and salvation, goes the duties of faith and obedience, worship and service.
13. Friendship, goes the responsibility of being a friend.

14. Friendliness, goes the duty of friendliness, Prov.18:24.
15. The hope of heaven, goes the responsibility to purify oneself even as he is pure, 1Jno.3:3.
16. Life as a creature of God, goes the duty to glorify God through his Son by means of the gospel.
17. Knowing the truth, goes the responsibility of loving it, obeying it, upholding it, preaching it, supporting the preaching of by one's presence, encouragement and material possessions.

**D. THAT THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE IS ONE OF PREPARATION, FOR HEAVEN IS A PREPARED PLACE FOR A PREPARED PEOPLE, Cf.**

**Amos. 4:12; Mt.11:28-30**

**E. OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS WE NEED TO REMEMBER IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR THE JUDGMENT AND HEAVEN.**

1. We have a God to glorify, Mt.5:16; 1Cor.6:19,20; 10:31; Gal.1:5; Eph.3:21; 1Pet.4:16; Jno.4:24.
2. A Savior to imitate, 1Pet.2:21-23; 1Cor.11:1; Phil.2:5ff.
3. A body to control, 1Cor.9:27; Gal.5:24; 6:14; Col.3:5-7; Jas.1:12-15.
4. A soul to save, Ac.2:40-42; Mt.10:28.
5. A "pay-day" – the final judgment – to meet some day, Heb.9:27; Ac.17:30,31; 2Cor.5:10; Rom.6:23.
6. Our duties to others: Love, Save, Help, Warn, Teach.

**III. CONCLUSION**

1. Don't forget to add the things specified from 2Pet.1:5-11.
2. Our hope depends upon these things motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ and led by the love of God.
3. Note the assurance give us if we do these things in Vv.8-11.