

A Reminder to Remember

(2 Peter 1:12-21)

So I will always remind you of these things . . .

I think it is right to refresh your memory . . .

I will make every effort to see that . . . you will always be able to remember these things.

(2 Peter 1:12, 13, 15)

I. REMEMBER THIS: Your faith in Jesus Christ is supposed to be _____.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Contrast with James 2:17; 2 Timothy 3:5; and Hebrews 6:4-6

*His divine power has given us everything we need for **life and godliness** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.* 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Two word for life:

1. **bios:** _____

2. **zoe:** _____

*We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to **participation in the life of God.*** 2 Peter 1:4 (MES)

*We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.** For he received honor and glory from God when the voice came from the majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven** when we were with him on the sacred mountain.* 2 Peter 1:16-18 (NIV)

II. REMEMBER THIS: Your faith in Jesus Christ is supposed to make you an _____.

*Dear friends, I urge you as **aliens and strangers** in the world to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. **Live such good lives among the pagans** that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.* 1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)

*Friends, **this world is not your home**, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it. Don’t indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. **Live an exemplary life among the natives** so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they’ll be won over to God’s side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.* 1 Peter 2:11-12 (MES)

*I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the **tent** of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.* 2 Peter 1:13-14 (NIV)

See Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

III. REMEMBER THIS: Your faith in Jesus Christ is supposed to bring you under _____.

*We couldn’t be more sure of what we saw and heard—**God’s glory. God’s voice.** The prophetic word was confirmed to us. **You’ll do well to keep focusing on it. It’s the one light you have in a dark time** as you wait for daybreak and the rising of the Morning Star in your hearts. The main thing to keep in mind here is that **no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of private opinion.** And why? Because it’s not something concocted in the human heart. Prophecy resulted when **the Holy Spirit prompted men and women to speak God’s Word.*** 2 Peter 1:19-21 (NIV)

Who gives the orders in your life?

1. _____? 2. _____? 3. _____?

*I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court, indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. **It is the Lord who judges me.*** 1 Corinthians 4:2-4 (NIV)