

Series "Knowing And Growing In Christ"
"Truth Worth Repeating"
2 Peter 1:12-15
Study-3

Every good teacher realizes the value of repetition! 2 Peter 1:12-13 and 15 – remembrance 3X. Anyone that has received the truth of God's Word and then is lead astray, has forgotten the truth! (Failed to remember)

Verses 12-15 – Repetition Of The Facts Of Faith.

Verses 16-18 – Realities Of The Facts Of Faith.

Verses 19-21 – Reliability Of The Facts Of Faith.

Theme of 2 Peter – "Knowing And Growing In Christ"

2 Peter 1 – Faith's Convictions: Keep Following Jesus.

Thought Of The Passage: Reminder Of Facts And Faith Are The Requirements To Fruitfulness And To Keep The Believer From Falling.

1. Verse 12 – Reminding

2. Verses 13-14 – Refreshing

3. Verse 15 – Remembering

1. Verse 12 – Reminding:

2 Peter 1:12 – "Therefore," – When we see this word "Therefore" it is a hinge to turn back and forth on. What is the "therefore" there for?

2 Peter 1:1-4 – God, who has given to us salvation, His power and promises for life and growth.

2 Peter 1:5-11 – Provision for fruit, production of fruit, and the purpose of fruit.

"always" – constantly; "be ready" – preparedness.

"remind" – reminder, to mind – 3X, Verses 12, 13, 15.

"of these things," – 2 Peter 1:1-4 – Greatness of Salvation; 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Provision for fruit, production of fruit, and the purpose of fruit.

What Peter is referring to is "Doctrine."

Jude 1:17

Peter, speaking as a pastor – father is concerned about the continued growth of the believers – 1 Peter 5:1.

3 John 1:4

Pastors have the responsibility of reminding the congregation of what God has said. Then, it becomes the responsibility of the congregation that knows what God has said, to do it!

Peter Was Obedient To Christ's Command: Luke 22:31-32 – The word "strengthen" – "firmly established."

1 Peter 5:10; 2 Peter 3:1-2; 2 Peter 3:17

"I will always be ready to remind you of these things," – Believers need to continually return and be reminded of the core truths of Christianity as part of the growth process.

"even though you already know them," – Jude 1:5 – "Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things"

The danger and temptation of attempting to hold a person's attention with something new.

We are distributors not manufacturers of the message.

There is no such thing as brand-new spiritual truth, only a clearer understanding of the timeless truths in God's Word.

"and have been established in the truth" – "established" – "to be completely turned around, steadfastness in it". But that was no guarantee they would always remember the truth and apply it.

One reason the Holy Spirit was given to the church was to remind believers of the lessons already learned – John 14:26.

John 8:32; Acts 2:42; Colossians 1:5; 1 Peter 1:22; Jude 1:3

"which is present with you." – They had received the truth of the gospel.

Philippians 3:1

2. Verses 13-14 – Refreshing:

2 Peter 1:13

Peter Knew That Reminding Was The Right Thing: "I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling," – 2 Peter 1:13 (KJV) – "as long as I am in this tabernacle," – Isaiah 38:12 – "Like a shepherd's tent"

"Tent" was used of Jesus – John 1:14 – "dwelt (Tabernacle) among us,"

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

"stir you up" – means "to awaken, to arouse, to wake someone up, to agitate". This same word is used to describe a storm on the Sea of Galilee! – John 6:18.

"We forget what we ought to remember, and we remember what we ought to forget!"

1 Corinthians 15:1

Paul instructed Timothy who was faced with error, that Timothy was to remember Jesus Christ! 2 Timothy 2:8

Timothy was to remind others – 2 Timothy 2:14.

2 Peter 1:14

"knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling" – Peter uses the word "exodus, putting aside" from the earth.

Luke 9:30-31 – "His departure ("exodus") which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem."

"is imminent," – "shortly, soon, swiftly"

1 Corinthians 15:51

Peter's Motivation For Reminding Others Was His Death: "knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent," – "soon or swift" – John 21:18-19.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Peter was able to sleep in prison the night before he was scheduled to be killed – Acts 12:1.

Peter had nothing new to impart to the believers but to refresh them in their memory. If it's new it's not true, if it's true it's not new!

3. Verse 15 – Remembering:

2 Peter 1:15

Peter Knew Time Was Short: “And I will also be diligent” – 2 Peter 1:5, 10 – “diligent” – means, “to hasten to do something, to be zealous in doing it.”

“that at any time after my departure” – “exodus, leaving one place to go to another.”

“to call these things to mind.” – “to remember, remind, reminder.”

“you will be able to call these things to mind.” – This would be 1, 2 Peter. It is also believed the “Gospel of Mark According To Peter” – 1 Peter 5:13.

Application:

1. The Apostles Are Long Gone, But We Have The Written Word. Will We Keep Reminding Ourselves Of What Has Been Written? Or Will We Search For Some Other Voice And Message?
2. There Is No Such Thing As Brand-New Spiritual Truth, Only A Clearer Understanding Of The Timeless Truths In God's Word.
3. The Reminder Of Facts And Faith Are The Requirements To Fruitfulness And To Keep The Believer From Falling.
4. A Pastor's Responsibility Is To Remind The Congregation Of What God Has Said. It Becomes Then The Responsibility Of The Congregation To Do What God Has Said.
5. Believers Are Prone To Forget What We Ought To Remember, And We Remember What We Ought To Forget.