



The Epistles of Peter
2 Peter 1:12-15
From Sermon 3.29. 26

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Overview from Sunday's sermon: Peter now takes off his theologian's hat and puts on his pastoral one. All the great, rich doctrines are treasures, but they won't matter much if we forget them. That is our pattern. It always has been. And every time God's people forget, they fall into sin, become victims of false teachers, and eventually face the judgement or abandonment of God Himself. Peter knew, from experience, the price of spiritual forgetfulness. These final words of his are "legacy language" to remember sound doctrine.

1. How's your memory? Various Personal Answers

1a. What do you use as daily, practical reminder tools? Phone reminders, post-it notes, paper calendar, etc.

2. Read the following verses. What does each say about God and remembrance?

- Genesis 9:12-16— _____
- Exodus 13:3, & 6-8— _____
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9— _____
- Deuteronomy 8:11-18— _____
- Jeremiah 31:34—the only thing God will ever forget is the sin of His elect.

3. What ordinances has God instituted to help us remember? The Bible. Passover. The Weekly Sabbath. Altars. Old Testament holidays. The Lord's Supper. Baptism. Resurrection Day. Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs. Testimonies.

4. What's the easiest component of the Christian life for you to forget? Various Personal Answers

4a. What are the consequences of forgetting that truth? Feeling stuck. Feeling alone. Trying to become better or perfect by my own human effort. Viewing people as the enemy. Victim mentality. False Teaching

5. What were the three motivating factors in Peter's pastoral care regarding remembrance?

- Intentionality: take every opportunity. Repetition and recall.
- Future Focus: eyes on prize. Legacy for church to never forget and reproduce
- Brevity/frailty: these bodies are temporary and disposable. Tents. Our time is short.

6. What technique does God the Holy Spirit have the Bible writers employ across the history of writing Scripture and doctrine? Repetition. Saying the same thing over and over in new ways. What's said in Genesis is again taught in Revelation. Jesus taught in parables to paint memorable word pictures of spiritual truths.