

*'So I will always **remind** you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 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. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to **remember** these things.'*

2 Peter 1:12-15

Peter determines to remind first century Christians of the foundations of the faith. False teachers in the church denied Jesus' authority and promoted immorality. They '**deliberately forget**' God to deny future judgment and justify sensuality (3:5-7).

Remembering to Remember

'I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.' (Lam 3:21-24)

'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' (Luke 22:19)

'Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,

saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise. **And they remembered His words.'** (Luke 24:6-8)

People go to great lengths to remove God from their memory. The Western world is trying to remove the Christian foundations of its society. The Christian memory is being lost in many countries. Michael Griffiths described the church as '**Cinderella with amnesia**'. Has the Church forgotten who we are and what we are here to do?

'I will always remind you of these things.'

What things?

A. Divine Resources: We've been given precious faith '*through the righteousness of God our Savior Jesus*' (1:1). We experience '*grace and peace through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord*' (1:3). God's great promises and divine power in us (1:3-4)

B. Human Responsibility: We must '**make every effort to add to our faith.**' (1:5) God gives us everything we need to live a virtuous life but we pursue godliness.

C. Eternal Reward: (1:9) We '**confirm our calling and election**' (1:5;10) to have the assurance of '**a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior.**'

'God remembered Noah' (Genesis 8:1)

God forgets our sins (Heb 8:12) but he remembers his people (Luke 23:42),

He has caused his wonders to be remembered; God is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; **he remembers his covenant forever.'**

Psalm 111:4-5