

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

II Peter 1:12-18 • 10/12/03, Pastor Dick Tennesen

INTRODUCTION: We're told three times in this passage that Peter is bringing something to the remembrance of his readers. This is also for us! -- humans have short memories, and need to be reminded of the great things God has done in their lives, and that they're not to keep these to themselves!

Deut. 6:4-11

but see v. 12, "*Lest you forget...*"

First, we need to be reminded

I. WE have TRUTH, v. 12

A. We have an OBLIGATION (remember, the primary subject for our remembrance are the qualities listed in vv. 5-7, and the great benefits from having them in abundance!)

But then, we need to be reminded

II. WE have TIME, vv. 13-14

A. We have an OPPORTUNITY, because we don't know how much time we have left!

B. The Bible uses the term "*While...*" -- Ps. 146:2

•Eccl. 12:1,2

•Jesus, "*Yet a little while...*" (John 7:33; 12:35; 13:33; 14:19).

The saying, "Make H_____ while the S_____ shines!"

But then, we also need to be reminded

III. WE have TESTIMONIES, vv. 15-18

A. Peter describes a great experience he was privileged to have (being at the Transfiguration of the Lord) --

•This is important on its own!

•But Peter is reminding us that we have had great experiences in our lives... YOU and I can SAY, "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables... but were eyewitnesses...!"

B. What are the experiences that God wants YOU to always REMEMBER?! Do three things with your memories:

1. RELISH them -- make them REAL to YOU

2. RELATE them -- tell other people

3. RELIVE them -- this has to do with the future! God wants us to know the BEST is YET to COME!

CONCLUSION: Communion is, of course, a great reminder!