

A Great Reminder when Moving Forward

Theme: Remembering What Matters Most, Matters the Most when Deciding on
Things that Matter the Most
I Peter 1:2-25

Introduction: All of us Need Reminders from Time to Time

I. PETER REMINDS US WHAT WE ARE: 1:1-2 BIG IDEA: _____

- A. We are God's Elect/Chosen

- B. We are the Focus of the Triune God's Plan of Salvation
 - 1. God the Father's Foreknowledge
 - 2. God the Spirit's Sanctifying Work
 - 3. God the Son's shed blood

- C. We are Strangers in the World

II. PETER REMINDS US WHAT WE HAVE: 1:2-12 Big Idea: _____

- A. In this New Birth, We have a Living Hope 3

- B. In this New Birth, We have an Secure Inheritance 4-5

- C. In this New Birth, We have Opportunities to Prove Our Faith through Trials 6-7
 - 1.) They are necessary
 - 2.) They are varied
 - 3.) They are not easy
 - 4.) They are temporary
 - 5.) They are evidence of faith

"A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted."

- D. We have Inexpressible and Glorious Joy 8-9

- E. We have Something Prophets and Angels Long For 10-12

III. PETER REMINDS US WHAT WE DO: 1:13-25 Big Idea: _____

A. We prepare our Minds for Action 13-16

1. We are self-controlled
2. We hope in future grace
3. We do not conform to the evil desires of the past
4. We are holy in all we do.

B. We live as Strangers in Reverent Fear 17-21

1. We live knowing we will stand at the Bema
2. We live knowing we were bought with the precious blood of Christ
3. We live knowing He was chosen before creation for our sake
4. We live knowing our faith and hope are in God alone.

C. We love One Another Deeply 22-25

Definition: a self-sacrificing _____ to meet the needs of others that finds expression in concrete _____.

1. We love because we are purified.
2. We love because we have new birth.
3. We love because we have the Truth.

Application: How are you doing with these reminders?

1. The Word of God doesn't permit you to be satisfied with a Sunday Morning form of Christianity.
2. Are you currently contributing to the effectiveness of WBC's mission?
3. Are Peter's imperatives becoming your indicatives?
4. Do trials prove your faith is genuine or do they verify you are no different than the next guy?
5. Does the world you live in witness your inexpressible and glorious joy?