

## *I Will Not Forget*

### *2 Peter 1:12-21*

*"The inspired authority of Scripture is totally sufficient for this present life, until the Parousia, when the day of the Lord dawns (3:10) and the morning star (Christ, Rev. 22:16) rises in your hearts. Prophecy's function for this life is to illuminate the darkness of ignorance. But at the Parousia prophecy will be superseded (1 Cor. 13:8-10) as the full light of God's glorious revelation in Christ floods the hearts of his people. A lamp is no longer required once the sun is up." Hillyer*

*Parousia = When Christ comes to rapture His church.*

**2 Peter 3:1:10** *For the coming of the Lord will come like a thief...*

**Rev. 22:16** *...I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.*

**1 Cor. 13:8-10** *Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.*

- I. Peter finishes chapter one emphasizing the importance of keeping the memory of the truths of our faith refreshed by the word of God. Peter cites the word "**knowledge**" five times to emphasize its importance in establishing us in Christ. He cites words like **remind**, **memory** and **remember** to instill in us the necessity of making sure we don't forget the knowledge we have received from Jesus, who is the Word of life. To forget keeps us nearsighted and blind, which puts us in grave danger of sinful compromise. Therefore, we must make every effort to keep ourselves thinking biblically about life.

2 Peter 1:12-15

Exodus 19:5-6

1 Peter 2:9

Exodus 24:3,6b

Deut. 8:1,2,14

Hosea 4:6

2 Peter 1:2,3,6,8,9

- II. Peter's knowledge was based on God's truth, not on the imagination of man. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me" (Jn. 14:6). To become firmly established in the faith means that we live by his truth alone. Truth sanctifies us (Jn. 17:17), i.e., matures us in Christ, sets us free (Jn. 8:32), and it is what the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, guides us with (Jn. 16:13). In fact, we have been given the mind of Christ so that we may understand what God has freely given us. To live in ignorance of his truth is to remove ourselves from the wisdom we so desperately need to live life God's way.

2 Peter 1:16  
James 1:22-23  
1 Cor. 2:12-16

*1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

- III. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). We have faith that the inspired word of God is his inerrant truth to those of us who believe. Peter exhorts us to pay attention to it because it is the only light we have to keep us Christ-centered as we navigate through the tumultuous waters of living in the uncertainty of a fallen world.

2 Peter 2:16-21  
2 Tim. 3:16-17

*James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.*

*Jeremiah 15:16 When your words came, I ate them; they were a joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord, God almighty.*