

## **BY WAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

### **II Peter 3:1-6**

Peter's opening comments in this third chapter of his letter encourages believers to stand fast on God's word when scoffers attack and mock the bible. When mockers scoff at the prospect of Christ's coming again it is because they willfully ignore that God created the universe and judged the wicked people in the flood and will judge the lost again. There are several things we must remember and never forget.

### **THE PRICE OF REDEMPTION**

**I Peter 1:18-20** The most important thing to remember is that it took the death and shed blood of God's own Son to 'redeem' every lost sinner. We all were dead in our sins and hopelessly lost and on the road to hell. It was only the great mercy and love of God that planned redemption for the world.

**I Corinthians 6:20** God's word is crystal clear in that every Christian has been bought and paid for with a tremendous price. Our body, soul and spirit belong to God and we are to give Him glory with it.

**Acts 20:28-29** The body of believers, pastors and teachers are to take heed and beware of false teachers in the church because God is very particular and watchful over what He has paid dearly for.

### **THE PIT WE CAME FROM**

**Psalms 40:1-3** Peter wants us to remember where we were when Christ drew us to Himself. We were all in different places and different depths of sin but we were all lost. It was His mercy that saved us.

**Matthew 7:24-27** Our life before Christ was not on a solid foundation. We lived from day to day without a thought about eternity or the prospect of hell. He put us on a solid foundation by His grace.

**Revelation 3:17** Spiritual blindness is when we do not see or care about God or Christ. People who do not believe or read the bible are blind. Those who refuse to trust the promises of God are blind.

### **PEOPLE ARE WATCHING YOU**

**I Corinthians 8:9** God wants us to remember that those around you know you profess to be a Christian. People that are lost look for you to fail, while new believers look for you to lead.

**II Samuel 12:14** David lost his testimony when he sinned with Bathsheba and killed her husband. Nathan told David his sin was forgiven but told him because of his sin God was mocked.

**Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 10:25** God wants people with whom we have influence to see our service and love for God in our actions and life style so they can see God working in us and glorify God.

### **THE PERSON WHO WILL JUDGE US**

**I Corinthians 3:9-15; II Cor. 5:10** One day we will give account of everything we did or did not do for Jesus. The books will be open and show the little things and the big things along with our motives.

**II Timothy 4:7-8** Do we have the same confidence that Paul had when he knew it was time to go?

### **PEOPLE WE KNOW GOING TO HELL**

**Matthew 7:13, 22-23** We must remember those friends and relatives that are lost and without Christ.

**Luke 16:22-24; Revelation 20:11-15** Jesus gave us a glimpse of hell and the reality of the torment waiting for the lost. We will be at the great white throne judgment and see people we know go to the lake of fire. God wants us to remember that we have a commission to witness and live for Jesus.