

THINGS TO REMEMBER

II Peter 3:1-3

The Apostle Peter reminds us not to forget those things that he and other Apostles had seen, heard, written, and testified about. He warned of imposters that would lie about the doctrines of the faith.

WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES

Matthew 19:16-26 Jesus makes it quite clear in this experience with the rich young ruler and the Apostles that being a good person in society and keeping the commandments cannot save our souls.

Ephesians 2:8-9; Rm. 12:3; Gal. 2:20 Within these three great sections of scripture we can know for sure that salvation is all of God and not of mans "good works." The grace is God's unmerited favor, the faith that we must put forth is not our own faith but that is also a gift from God given to every man.

WE CANNOT LOSE OUR SALVATION

John 3:16; 6:37, 39-40 For some reason many people, Christians included, have a difficult time understanding what '*eternal, or everlasting*' means; they mean the same - (that which endures forever, and speaking of people- it means that which had a beginning but will have no end.) John gives us Jesus own words in that once we come to Him He will never *cast us out*, (or throw us away).

I Peter 1:3-5 Peter makes it clear that because we are saved by God through faith in Jesus Christ our inheritance is being reserved for us in heaven and we are *kept by God* until we get to heaven.

John 10:27-30; Rm. 8:33-39 Jesus tells us that we have *eternal life* and that we *shall never perish* and that He and His Father are one and no one and nothing can separate us from Him.

I Cor. 3:15; 5:1-5; II Pt. 2:6-8 Many Christians somehow believe that when we sin we are separated from Jesus and the Father and lose our salvation. Our relationship never changes but fellowship does.

WE CANNOT PLEASE GOD WITHOUT FAITH

Hebrews 11:6 One sure way of dis-pleasing God is when we doubt His *eternal salvation*. If we believe that when we sin we lose salvation, we are saying that we must be perfect to keep our salvation, therefore we are telling God that **we must do something** to keep saved. Salvation is by faith in God's word, by the grace of God, by God alone, and without man's works – **Titus 3:5**.

Romans 14:22-23; II Cor. 5:7; Ja. 2:17 The entire N. T. teaches us that we are saved by faith and are to have a life style that permeates with and by faith. All spiritual good works start and end by faith.

WE CANNOT LOSE EARNED REWARDS

Matthew 6:19-20; 10:40-41 Jesus promises us that when we send up faithful works our reward is kept for us and we shall receive them and not lose them.

I Cor. 3:8; II Cor. 5:10 Every believer shall receive his own reward. It is not a maybe it is absolute.

II Tim. 4:7; II Jn. 1:8 John isn't saying we can lose our reward but exhorts us to finish strong.

WE CANNOT GET AWAY WITH SIN

Hebrews 2:1-3; 12:5-6 Speaking to believers the writer explains that God is a faithful Father.

Hebrews 12:10-15 God's chastening helps make us more holy, more productive and more loving.

I Cor. 11:30; Heb. 12:17 God chastens in a variety of ways, health, death, finances, family, etc.