

"FORGETFUL CHRISTIANS"

Introduction: Even Christians sometimes forget some of the most fundamental things they ought by all means to remember.

The little boy said, "My memory is the thing I forget with!"

I. It is possible even to forget that we have been purged from our sins.

II Peter 1:9 the glory of our chr. experience

A. To lose the glory of our spiritual vision.

B. To go blind in our spiritual vision.

C. To forget what a great price purchased our redemption.

1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23

D. Passover festival in memory of Deliverance from Egypt. Ex 13:3

E. At the Lord's Supper Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19

II. Easy to forget about growing in the chr. life

A. In v. 12 Peter says, "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things."

B. "these things" in v. 12, 10, 9, 8 refer to the different steps or graces of growth in the chr. life in vs. 5-7

C. If you fail to grow you cannot be fruitful. v. 8

D. Failure to grow in grace is a sin. "to him that knoweth, to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin."

III. It is easy to forget that we are only in this earthly tabernacle temporarily & soon must leave it.

A. v. 13 "putting you in remembrance, knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle." (1 Cor. 2:18, 19)

B. when Peter was to grow old he was to lose some of his independence. (Jn. 21:18)

C. other scriptures:

Ps. 89:47 - "remember how short my time is."

James 4:14 - "what is your life? ... a vapour."

D. when this earthly tabernacle is dissolved we have a building of God, an ^(1 Cor. 5:1) house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

(Illustr. of James Kidd)

IV. Sometimes we are apt to forget the historical facts of our faith in Christ

A. vs. 15, 16 "We have not followed cunningly devised fables."

B. there is a real historical background to our faith.

C. this should serve to establish us and give assurance of confidence.

V. Don't forget the prophecies in the Bible concerning the 2nd Coming of Christ

A. see ch. 3:1-4 O.T. Prophets & N.T. Apostles.

B. there is both glory & judgment connected with the 2nd Coming of X^t.

Conclusion: Let us remember that Christ really came and suffered and died to cleanse us from our sins, that He is coming back again for us, and in the meantime let us grow in grace and fruitfulness as long as we are in this earthly tabernacle.