

THINGS WE MUST KEEP KNOWING

Introduction

- 1) Peter wrote to Christians who were suffering and therefore challenged as to their knowledge and conviction concerning the will of God
- 2) Peter was concerned that they keep **“knowing”** certain things that were absolutely true
 - a) Continuous, ongoing knowing – forgetfulness is spiritually fatal (2 Pet. 1:9)
- 3) In challenging times today, we also need to keep “knowing” these things

I) **KNOWING What We Were Redeemed With (1 Peter 1:18-19)**

- A) We are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, not material things of this earth
 - 1) Too many believe their “salvation” is in earthly knowledge and goods
- B) **Jesus** (vv. 19-21) = lamb without blemish and spot (*perfect*); foreordained (*planned*); basis of our faith and hope (*salvation now and eternally*)
 - 1) Our living hope is based in Christ’s resurrection (v. 3)
 - 2) Our souls are purified by obeying His truth (vv. 22-25)
- C) **Knowing this**, we are to be strong in our hope, obedience, and holiness (vv. 13-17)
 - 1) Being holy as God is holy is necessary knowing that we are redeemed at great price
 - 2) Times of trial crush the weak, but the strong in faith keep their trust in God

II) **KNOWING What We Were Called to Inherit (1 Peter 3:9)**

- A) We were called to inherit “a blessing”
 - 1) This “blessing” is salvation from sin now and eternal life in heaven
- B) This wonderful blessing is our living hope (1:3-5, 9)
 - 1) Our joy will be when Christ returns (4:12-13)
 - 2) Based in the true grace in which we stand (5:12)
- C) **Knowing this**, we are to be a blessing to others (3:8-12)
 - 1) We should be kind, gentle, and loving to others because of how God has treated us
 - 2) Would I be worthy of God’s blessing if I haven’t been a blessing to others?

III) **KNOWING What We Share with Other Brethren (1 Peter 5:9)**

- A) We need to realize what a wonderful brotherhood exists among the truly faithful, no matter how “few” it may seem (2:17)
 - 1) Many brethren are standing and suffering for the truth in the face of worldly corruption and faithless compromise
- B) **Knowing this**, we are to be continually watching out for Satan and his temptations (5:8)
 - 1) Must resist him – **how?** – steadfast in the faith! Standing faithfully in God’s truth
 - 2) Some will cut and run, hide, or give excuses, but the faithful will stand together
 - 3) Let us unashamedly stand with our faithful brethren everywhere and resist Satan!

Conclusion

These are critical truths that we must **keep knowing** as we serve our God. Being forgetful of any of these points can weaken us in holy living, spiritual service, and resisting evil. Obey the Lord and be saved today!