

# Remember to Practice Eternal Life

◆ *Scripture Reading:*


◆ **II Peter 1:1-15**

# INTRODUCTION

We live in an era of an overwhelming abundance of knowledge; aka “The Information Age”



As human beings, no one can take in, process, and remember all the knowledge that inundates us!



Therefore, we must be elective in the knowledge on which we focus and remember.



The NT grace-believe must focus on the most vitally relevant and eternally important knowledge, which is God’s written revelation: the Bible

# REVIEW

◆ As we move into a new year, we need to be reminded of four of the most basic realities for our lives as Christians:

◆ **Remember the God of Eternal Life: Jesus Christ is our Life – Col 3:4a**

◆ **Remember the words of the Life: The words from Christ and the Apostles**

# REVIEW (continued)

- ◆ Remember the people of the Life: remember fellow believers in prayer, material assistance, and to love one another
- ◆ Remember to put this Life into practice
- ◆ We now turn to Peter's last letter to be reminded of the details of putting Eternal Life into practice

# THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF ETERNAL LIFE (II Peter 1:1-4)

- ◆ Faith for initial salvation – vs 1
- ◆ A full experiential knowledge of God, even our Savior, Jesus Christ, in order to have multiplied grace and peace – vs 2

# THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF ETERNAL LIFE (II Peter 1:1-4)

- ◇ The freely given gift of all things that pertain to life and godliness – vs 3
  - ◇ **Glory** – God's good and accurate opinion of us in Himself
  - ◇ **Virtue** – The character of the Life Christ's displayed, in we can now participate
- ◇ The glory and virtue of Christ have freely given us great and valuable promises – vs 4 (cf Jn 14:20)

# THE 7-FOLD PROGRESSIVE DISPLAY OF ETERNAL LIFE (II Peter 1:5-7)

## ◆ Supply **VIRTUE**

◆ Christ-like character to your initial faith – vs 5a

## ◆ Supply **EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE**

◆ putting Christ-like character into practice **IN** the content of Christ's virtue – vs 5b

## ◆ Supply **TEMPERANCE** (self-control)

◆ concerning our 3 spiritual enemies. USING God-provided defenses **IN** our experiential knowledge – vs 6a

## ◆ Supply **PATIENCE** (an abiding under; an endurance) **IN** our defenses against our spiritual enemies – vs 6b

# THE 7-FOLD PROGRESSIVE DISPLAY OF ETERNAL LIFE (II Peter 1:5-7) continued

## ◆ Supply **GODLINESS** -

◆ well-devotedness; Lordship (Rom 12:1-2) to Christ – his Lordship, plans, and provisions **IN** our patience – vs 6c

◆ Supply **BROTHERLY LOVE** – (an emotional expression of desire for one another's well-being) **IN** your well-devotedness to God – vs 7a

◆ Supply **AGAPE LOVE** - (desiring and providing God's best for another believer) **IN** your brotherly fondness – vs 7b



# THE POSITIVE PRESENCE and DISASTROUS ABSENCE of the PRACTICE OF ETERNAL LIFE

## ◆ II Peter 1:8-9 NKJV

- ◆ “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◆ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins”

**ENCOURAGEMENT to  
PRACTICE ETERNAL LIFE  
WHILE HEADING for the ENTRANCE of  
THE ETERNAL KINGDOM BELONGING to  
OUR LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

◆ **II Peter 1:10-11 NKJV**

- ◆ “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble;
- ◆ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”

# CONCLUSION

## ◆ II Peter 3:17-18

◆ Beware of false teachers

◆ false teaching of false alternative ways to live as a NT grace-believer

◆ But grow in grace and the experiential knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

◆ Always be remembering the provision and practice of ETERNAL LIFE!