**TRUTHS TO REMEMBER**

Truths that Transform – Part 4

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**Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)**   
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**2 Peter 1:12-21 Scripture Reading**

C.S. Lewis once said something along the lines of "Christians don't need to be instructed as much as they need to be reminded" — his point being that most of us know just about as much as we need to know to live the Christian life; we don't lack knowledge, we just tend to forget to put it into practice.

There are three things you need to remember on a day-by-day basis, or even a situation-by-situation basis. Remembering these three things in the midst of a mighty struggle will help you not only get through it but will make you more holy in the process.

1. **Remember What Happened When You Were Saved**

**2 Peter 1:10 (NIV)**   
Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT2)**   
For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

1. **Remember Who You Are Dealing With**

**2 Peter 1:16-18 (NLT2)**   
For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes  when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”  We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

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**2 Peter 1:19-21 (NIV)**   
And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

You need to remember what really happened when you got saved. You weren't saved because you turned over a new leaf and started being good. You were saved only by the mercy of God through the blood of Jesus; no other way.

You need to remember who you're dealing with. Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, the majestic and glorious Son of God. He created the world, he sustains the world, he redeemed the world, and he reigns supreme. It's his world and he's in control — which means even when you're not in control, he can carry you along.

You need to remember, also, what he plans to do. His plans for eternity go far beyond the mark of the beast and Armageddon. He plans to bring justice to all creation, and he plans for his people to enjoy his presence forever.