

**TEXT- 2 Pe 1:12-15** *Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.*

**INTRO – Peter’s desire is for the believers to remember the importance of Spiritual growth. The Apostles reminds the readers to add to their Christian walk. There are many things we must not forget about the Christian life.**

G3422 denotes "a memorial," that which keeps alive the memory of someone or something.

Memorials have been established for many years.

The first mention in the Bible is when God told Moses that His name would be a memorial.

**Exo 3:15** *And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and **this is my memorial** unto all generations.*

Since that time many memorials have been established to remind His people of important truths.

- The Passover – Ex. 12:12-14
- The shoulders of the ephod
- The Levitical offerings – Lev. 6:15
- The special Feast Days – Lev. 23:24
- The stones upon crossing the Jordan – Joshua 4:7
- The Day of Purim honoring Israel’s deliverance through Esther
- The woman whom poured the ointment from an alabaster box.
- The Lord’s supper – 1Cor. 11:24

### I. Remember Those Who Sacrificed and Gave Their Lives

Freedom isn’t free!

Many wars are difficult to discern the reason for them to begin. Most people could not tell you why WWI started. Yet many lost their lives in this horrible fight.

The revolutionary war was called the war of independence which was fought for freedom from tyranny and religious freedom. Vietnam was a highly unpopular war intended to stop the aggression of communism.

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields. – By John McCrae**

In Washington DC several memorials have been established to remember wars of the past.

### II. Remember Our Salvation Testimony

#### **A. Never forget the saving grace of God**

Ford Porter author of God’s Simple Plan of Salvation, in his old age, was the only one to go to the altar at a preachers meeting.

#### **B. Repeat your testimony**

#### **C. Tell others how they can be saved**

### III. Remember From Whence We Came

#### **A. From the dust of the earth**

**Gen 3:19** *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

#### **B. Without Him we are nothing**

**Rev 2:5** *Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

**Joh 15:5** *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

**Rom 7:18** *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

#### **C. The importance of humility**



The poet Tennyson once said that humility is, "the highest virtue, the mother of them all."

Humility is not something we finally achieve. Humility is something that we seek daily and strive to demonstrate every single day.

#### **A. Humility is necessary for salvation**

**Mat 18:3-4** *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

#### **B. Humility is necessary to receive God's grace**

**Jas 4:6** *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

#### **C. Humility is necessary to be great**

**Jas 4:10** *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*  
**1Pe 5:5-6** *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

### **IV. Remember Past Blessings**

#### **A. Forgiveness, health, mercy, and many good things**

#### **B. Husband, father, teacher, neighbor, friend**

**Many lives have been touched and many young people's lives have been influenced to commit their lives to God.**

### **V. Remember The Brevity of Life vs. 14**

**Psa 68:20** *He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.*

- **We are dust**

**Rom. 12:3** *For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith*

- **The beauty of life is short lived**

**Ecc 12:6-7** *Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

- **Life is brief**

**Jas 4:14** *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

### **CONCL-**

Two little lines I heard one day,  
Traveling along life's busy way;  
Bringing conviction to my heart,  
And from my mind would not depart;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,

Only what's done for Christ will last.  
Only one life, yes only one,  
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;  
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,  
And stand before His Judgement seat;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice,  
Gently pleads for a better choice  
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,  
And to God's holy will to cleave;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years,  
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;  
Each with its clays I must fulfill,  
Living for self or in His will;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore,  
When Satan would a victory score;  
When self would seek to have its way,  
Then help me Lord with joy to say;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;  
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,  
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn,  
And from the world now let me turn;  
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,  
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,  
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";  
And when at last I'll hear the call,  
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last. "

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Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.  
And when I am dying, how happy I'll be,  
If the lamp of my life has been burned out for Thee

**C. T. Studd**

**George Whitefield preached until the candle went out in Newburyport**