REMEMBER NOT TO FORGET
2 PETER 2:12-15 / 2-19-20 / WED

I. FIRST, PETER TOLD THEM TO REMEMBER NOT TO FORGET.

A. In fact, he said this three times.

   v.12 “I will always remind you”

   v.13 “I think it is right to refresh your memory”

   v.15 “you will always be able to remember”

B. Peter “knew that they knew” what he had already taught them in his letter.

   v. 12 “even though you know”

   v.13 (you are) “firmly established in the truth you now have”

C. So why did Peter tell them what he had already told them?

   1. As he said in verse 13, he was giving them a “refresher course”.

   2. King James uses the word “stir up” instead of refresh.

II. SECOND, PETER TOLD THEM TO REMEMBER WHILE HE HAD TIME TO TELL THEM.

A. Peter knew he was shortly going to lose his life as a martyr—v.13--

   “I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live”.

B. Perhaps Peter was thinking of Jesus words in John 21:18-19.

C. Peter uses two words to describe his pending death.

   1. First, he describes his body as a tent—v.13—“I live in the tent of this body”.

      a. KJV uses the word “tabernacle”.

      b. The idea is that life is temporary.

      c. The message is that even though the body is temporary the soul is eternal as Jesus said—Matthew 10:28.
d. Paul uses the same term in the same way—2 Cor. 5:1.

e. Peter also said he would soon put his body aside in death—v.14— **I know that I will soon put it aside**

2. Second, Peter describes his death as a departure—v. 15— **after my departure**.

a. This is the same word that is translated as **exodus** elsewhere.

b. Thus, as Israel exited Egypt, Peter expected to soon exit his earthly tent and, in his soul, go to heaven.

III. **THIRD, PETER TOLD THEM TO REMEMBER WHAT’S IMPORTANT.**

A. In fact, Peter told them twice to remember what’s important.

v.12 **“So I will always remind you of these things.”**

v.15 **“You will always be able to remember these things”**.

B. What things did Peter think were important to remember?

1. Verse 12 begins with a single word of transition—**“So”**.

2. This word refers to all that Peter has already said in 1:1-11.

3. What are these things?

4. Peter identified these things as **“The knowledge of our Lord Jesus”**. Why is the knowledge of Jesus so important? Peter gave them three reasons.

a. The knowledge of Jesus makes grace and peace available—v.2.

b. The Knowledge of Jesus makes godly living possible—v.3.

c. The knowledge of Jesus grows our faith—3:18.

C. **How** do we attain this knowledge of Jesus? Peter’s answer begins in 1:5-7.