

Sermon Outline:

Main Point: Having Confidence in Christ Requires Frequent Reminders

1. We Are Given Frequent Reminders Because We Are Needy, Forgetful People (vv. 12-15)

Application:

- Teach the whole counsel of God
- Humbly receive the reminders
- Stand in the path of regular reminders

2. We Are Given Frequent Reminders Because We Have Something Worthy of Remembering (16-21)

Cite: 2 Peter 3:4

Peter's "Three Witnesses"

- The Apostles (vv. 16-18)
- The Father (v. 17)
- The Old Testament (vv. 19-21)

Cite: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Quote: "The Resurrection is the eucatastrophe of the story of the Incarnation. This story begins and ends in joy. It has pre-eminently the 'inner consistency of reality'. There is no tale ever told that men would rather find was true, and none which so many sceptical men have accepted as true on its own merits. For the Art of it has the supremely convincing tone of Primary Art, that is, of Creation. To reject it leads either to sadness or to wrath." J.R.R Tolkien

Quote: "If I were to spend an hour and fifteen minutes developing a very sophisticated, scholarly, historical argument, for the reliability of the text none of you could repeat it in a week. So where would you be in your confidence level in the bible? You can't remember the arguments. I've tried it. I was in this thing for years. I went to school until I was 28 years old, tried my best to be scholarly, learn the arguments and I just kept forgetting them." (John Piper, "Why I Trust the Scriptures")

Quote: "I have met Jesus in the gospel and his self-authenticating glory has won my admiration and my allegiance and my trust." (John Piper, "Why I Trust the Scriptures")

Application: A Way to "Pay More Attention"

- Treat your bible reading like a meal