

WE NEED TO REMEMBER WHO WE ARE, #2

INTRODUCTION

I. Last week we pointed out 7 things we need to remember as who we are. We are to REMEMBER (1) Who we were before we became Christians; (2) How we felt when we were baptized; (3) As Christians, the enjoyment of spiritual blessings; (4) What it is like to lead souls to Christ; (5) That we are children of God; (6) The warnings from God, and (7) That we are to remain faithful to gain the reward in heaven.

II. WHO ARE WE?

A. We are the PEOPLE OF GOD. The word “people” is found some 1600 times in the OT.

B. In the NT, there are 3 special references to the word “people.” Ac.18:10; Ro.9:26; Tit.2:14 (Read and discuss in context).

III. Now, as the PEOPLE OF GOD, what are we to remember?

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, we are people who REALLY BELIEVE IN GOD.

A. It is virtually meaningless to merely SAY, “I believe in God”, without doing what He says. Ps.14:1; Js.2:19; He.11:6; Mt.7:21

1. God is the center of all things in the universe. **Gen.1:1; 2Pe.3:7**

2. God is the Savior of all who **really** “believe” in Him. **Ac.16:30-34**

B. Let's note a few of God's characteristics.

1. 1st, God is “spirit” and not physical like man. Jn.4:24; cf Ps.50:17-22 (read & comment)

2. 2nd, God is “eternal”--He has always been and will always exist. Deut. 33:27; Ro.1:20

3. 3rd, God is “omnipotent” (or all powerful)--having power to create, bless and condemn eternally. Mt.19:26

4. 4th, God is “love”, and offers salvation through Bible teaching.

5. 5th, God is “everywhere”, and sees everything. He.4:13

II. 2nd, we are people who REALLY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG.

A. Adam and Eve experienced good and then evil, then realizing that there is a difference.(Gen.3:1-6)

1. God revealed and continues to reveal through His word—what is good and what is evil.

2. We can see the results of both, but God reveals what is right and what is wrong. Mic.6:8; Pr.4:2; Isa.8:20; 5:20

B. The **way** we always know whether something is right or wrong is to go to the Bible.

1. In religious matters, God's rules have gradually developed to Christian worship, and obedience is always commanded.

2. In all other actions, His word always tells us what to do and not to do. 1Th.5:21-22

a. Murder has been wrong since the first family, and continues to be wrong today. Gen.9:6; Ex.20:13

b. Fornication, adultery and homosexuality have always

- been wrong and continue to be so.
- c. Men and politicians may **say** something is okay even though God condemns it as sinful.

III. 3Rd, we are people who WANT TO AVOID HELL.

A. The Bible teaches the reality of hell fire, as a consequence of sin and disobedience to God's will.

1. Hell is described in vivid language as a place of fire and torment. Cf Lk.16:20-25 (Comment); Mk.9:43-49
2. Hell is also described as a lake of fire and brimstone.
3. Hell is also a place of continual destruction. Mt.10:28

B. We may **say** we want to avoid hell, but if we **really** want to do so, we will turn away from sin and turn to God in obedience.

CONCLUSION

- I. Right this moment, if you were to be standing before Christ in judgment, where would you spend eternity?
- II. You can be blessed of God now and eternally if you obey the gospel. Cf 2Th.1:6-9,10...