

Bringing to Remembrance

(Part 1 of 2)

Part 2 – Sunday AM - December 16 – Lord Willing

Text: **2 Timothy 2:8-19**

Introduction:

1. To remember is to bring back towards the forefront of our minds (*setting them on the front burner, so to speak*) of things that were learned in the past.
 2. As we grow older there are many things that we can remember (*hopefully*) and bring them to the forefront of our minds and hearts.
 - a. There are some things we wish to keep in the back of our mind and forgotten.
 - b. And there are other things that we wish that we could keep forever in the front of our minds.
 3. Part of gaining knowledge is to keep in remembrance of what we have learned.
 4. In this particular part of Scripture, Paul is telling Timothy to be a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - a. In his being a soldier of the Lord there are some things that must be brought to remembrance
 5. The same is for us today, as Christians, we must continue to keep in remembrance what we have learned in the past.
 - a. That which is GOOD we must continue to think upon these things
 - b. And, that which is BAD we must learn from the lessons gained (*the school of hard knocks*)
 - i. We must move on and NOT repeat the same mistakes – *that is called wisdom.*
 6. This morning we are going to look at some things that the Apostle Paul told Timothy to remember, giving us a lesson in our own life's history of what we have learned and are to remember.
 7. Some things to **REMEMBER!!!**
- I. **Remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – v8**
- A. The Apostles were witnesses to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ - **Acts 3:15**
 - B. It is He who was crucified and has now been raised by God - **Acts 4:10**
 - C. Jesus was not to see corruption in the grave like all others who have died and will die (*God raising Him from the dead*) - **Acts 13:30, 13:34**
 - D. Our faith and hope is in God who raised our savior from the grave (*never to die again*) - **1 Peter 1:21**
- II. **Remember that if we are dead in Him we shall live with Him – v11**
- A. Dead in our trespasses – dead to our old self – buried with Him in baptism knowing that we will be like Him at the resurrection - **Romans 6:1-9, 11**
 - B. We are dead to sin, but we live in Christ - **Romans 8:11**
- III. **Remember that if we suffer for Him we shall reign with Him - v12**
- A. Joint-heirs with Christ in suffering with Him - **Romans 8:17**
 - B. Not ashamed suffering for Christ but giving God the glory - **1 Peter 4:16**
- IV. **Remember if we deny Him, He will deny us – v12**
- A. Deny Christ and He will deny us before God - **Matthew 10:33**
 1. Denial is to once having known Him and then leaving Him.

2. Denial is shown by not acknowledging Him in whatever we do
 - a) From missing the Lord's Supper when offered every Lord's Day
 - b) To missing services when offered
 - c) To not speaking out against the immoral and filth that has permeated our society and airwaves
 - d) To not speaking to anyone about what Christ has done in our lives
 - e) To just plain saying '*I don't know Him*'
 - f) To not giving Glory to God when it is Him we are to give glory to.
 3. But, by acknowledging Him in everything that we do, Christ will acknowledge us to the Father.
- B. Denial of Christ tells us that we do not have God either. **1 John 2:23**
1. But, when we acknowledge Christ as Christians we do indeed have the Father.
- V. **Remember** if we believe not, He is still the same – v13
- A. Shall unbelief make the faith of God ineffective? - **Romans 3:3**
 - B. God cannot lie - **Hebrews 6:18**
 1. We may have consolation, hope and refuge in Him because of His **TRUTH**.
- VI. **Remember** to show thyself approved to God – v15
- A. We must labor (*work*) to enter into the rest - **Hebrews 4:11**
 1. Lest we fall away in unbelief
 - B. We must be diligent in making our calling and election sure -- **2 Peter 1:10**
 1. By doing these we will not fail
 - C. Be diligent that we may be found of Him in peace without spot and blameless - **2 Peter 3:14**

Conclusion:

1. Paul has told Timothy to remember the teachings that he has received and not to forget.
2. The same is for us today; we are to remember what Christ has done for us and remember what He desires of us.
 - a. Remembering that Christ was raised from the dead by the Father
 - b. Remembering that if we are dead IN Him we shall live with Him
 - c. Remembering we must never deny Him
 - d. Remembering that we must always believe Him
 - e. Remembering we must show ourselves approved unto God
3. By remembering these things we may remain faithful until the end whereby we may reign with Him forever in eternity. A promise from God the Father, who cannot lie.
4. Next week, Lord Willing, Part 2 of this message will be brought forth looking further into things that we must **Bring to Remembrance**.

