

## So You Will Never Forget

2 Peter 1.12-21

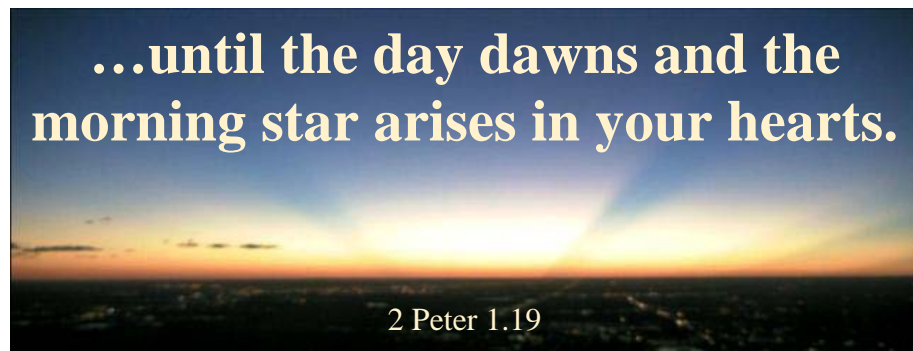
Peter began his letter by exhorting us to *add to our faith* qualities befitting the provisions God gave us when we were born again. When we do this, we bear spiritual fruit, and attain an ‘abundant entrance’ into the kingdom of Christ (v11). Now Peter ‘bares his heart’ to us: *I’m writing this letter to you before I die so that you will never forget these truths!*

**“I’m writing to remind you...and so you’ll never forget!”** (12-15)

- *You already know these things...*
- *But I’ll keep reminding you...*
- *So even after I’m gone, you’ll remember.*

**“We saw and heard this – Jesus is coming again!”** (16-21)

- *These aren’t myths that someone made up.*
- *We witnessed Jesus Christ coming as King!*
- *Keep looking toward Christ’s coming, like a light in a dark place!*



## Digging Deeper

1. In verse 12, Peter tells his Christian readers that he will always be ready to remind them of “these things.” What ‘things’ does Peter want us to remember? *How would you summarize verses 1-11?*
2. Also in verse 12, Peter affirms that his readers *already know* these truths. If they know them, why does he need to remind them of them? Why does he want them to remember them after he dies (v15)? *Have you ever known of a church that started out holding to biblical truth, but then, over time, forgot the truth and fell into error?* Can you think of any New Testament churches that fell away from the faith?
3. In verse 16, Peter declares that he (and the other apostles) *did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ* – in other words, they weren’t just concocting fanciful stories. The Greek word translated “tales” (“fables” in the NKJV) is *múthos*, from which we get our English word “myths.” It is not uncommon for Christians to be charged with believing ‘a bunch of myths’ today. Have you heard someone make such a charge?
4. Peter’s focus is on *the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*. This points to the future, and Jesus’ return to reign in His kingdom. At the end of v16, Peter says *we were eyewitnesses of His majesty*. He refers to this event in vv17-18. What is it called? Read about it in Mark 9.2-8. In v19 Peter says that because of this event, *we (the apostles) have the prophetic word made more sure* – the prophecy of the coming kingdom is confirmed by what happened there. Are you confident of Christ’s coming kingdom?
5. Verse 19 ends with an enigmatic phrase: *...until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts*. To what future event does this point? How is it like *a lamp shining in a dark place*? In the midst of a world that has embraced sin and darkness, how does the coming of Christ offer hope? Are you ‘holding on to hope’?