

REMINDERS:

THE FOUR MOST IMPORTANT REALITIES
FOR CHRISTIANS TO REMEMBER
THROUGHOUT LIFE

REMINDER #1:
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REMINDER #2:
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REMINDER #3:
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Scripture Reading

2 PETER 3:15–18

2 PETER 1:1–11

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(verses 1–4).

By personally understanding and personally trusting God's "very great and precious promises" that all center on King Jesus!

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2. Here's *what* that change looks like
(verses 5–7).

WHAT CHANGE LOOKS LIKE

	<i>Word</i>	<i>Definition</i>
	FAITH	The foundation of the Christian life is <i>faith</i> —personal conviction in the biblical Jesus that leads to life commitment.
1	VIRTUE	Growth in rightly ordered affections to love what God loves and to loathe what God loathes.
2	KNOWLEDGE	Growth in wisdom—in understanding what the Bible says and how it applies to your life.
3	SELF-CONTROL	Growth in the ability to control your body and mind—work and rest, eating and activity, mood and reactions, speech and thoughts.
4	STEADFASTNESS	Growth in enduring hardships—whether trials or persecution or disappointment or failure.
5	GODLINESS	Growth in “living in a way that’s wholly devoted to God” so that “whether you eat or drink...you do all for God’s glory.”
6	BROTHERLY AFFECTION	Growth in sincere affection for and life-affecting friendships with those in your church family.
7	LOVE	Growth in warm, self-sacrificial commitment to others for God’s glory and their good.

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It shows that your relationship with Jesus is real, that your life is consistent with reality, that God is truly at work in you, and that you will enter Jesus's kingdom.

“There are three primary bases for assurance: [1] a present posture of faith and repentance; [2] perseverance in the faith; and [3] evidences of eternal life in our heart—a love for God and a love for others, particularly other believers. These three combine to give us a powerful sense of assurance that we belong to God.”

— J. D. Greear, *Stop Asking Jesus into Your Heart: How to Know For Sure You are Saved*

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ARE YOU GROWING?