

LET'S STAY STIRRED UP FOR THE LORD
2 PETER 1:1-15

Introduction:

It's a wonderful thing to see someone get saved and then begin to grow as a new believer. When a person first comes to know the LORD, there is normally a new hunger and thirst in their lives that they've never had before—a hunger and thirst for the things of God!

1 Peter 2:2—“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”

As the new believer grows, it is also exciting to watch them learn to do things for the Lord. When a believer continues to study and practice the basics of the Christian life, they mature and they become more settled in their walk with the Lord. That's what every one of us should strive for as believers!—To grow or mature in the LORD!

However, as we become more settled in our walk, there also comes a potential danger for us. There is a danger of us thinking that somehow we've **“arrived”** in our Christian lives! When that happens, there is a tendency for us to **step back from the things that caused us to grow and mature!**

That is NOT a good thing! Because a GOOD Christian is also a GROWING Christian! And if we're not growing our Christian life begins to stagnate!

When our Christian life becomes stagnant, then we will eventually backslide, even if it is in areas that no one else notices.

As believers, we must **do all we can do to avoid and escape stagnation in our spiritual lives!** Now understand that:

The answer to the problem of Spiritual stagnation is NOT to change Churches!

The answer to the problem of Spiritual stagnation is NOT to change to a newer or different version of the Bible!

The answer to Spiritual stagnation is to get STIRRED up about things we already know!

2 Peter 1:12—“Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.”

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Notice that they needed to be put *“always in remembrance of these things.”*

The next verse is our text verse:

2 Peter 1:13—“Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;”

Peter thought it **meet** (or right) to stir them up by helping them to **remember!**

One of the main purposes of this epistle was to **STIR UP** the people of God! Two chapters later, the Bible says:

2 Peter 3:1—“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:”

So, this evening I want to **STIR UP YOUR MINDS** tonight to help you avoid and escape a stagnant Christian life!

**I. LET'S STAY STIRRED UP ABOUT OUR SALVATION!
(2 Peter 1:9)**

This is one of the reasons that we partake of the LORD's TABLE!

A. We Remember His Body That Was Broken For Us!

Isaiah 53:5—“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

B. We Remember His Blood That Was Shed For Us!

What is this new testament or new covenant? With **the old covenant**, people could approach God only through the sacrificial system that God put in place. It only provided a temporary covering of sin.

Jesus' death on the cross brought in **the new covenant** with God whereby God provided a way that we can personally approach God and communicate with Him! And by faith in His blood our sin is permanently taken away!

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The new covenant completes the old covenant, fulfilling everything that the old covenant looked forward to!

C. We Need To Remember His Burial Did Not Last!

Praise God Jesus rose from the grave!

1 Corinthians 15:20-21—“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.”

D. We Need To Remember The Blessings That Resulted!

1. The Blessing Of The Completion Of Salvation!

John 19:30—“It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

2. The Blessing Of The Coming Of The Holy Ghost!

John 16:7—“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

Acts 1:8—“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

3. The Blessing Of The Conviction Of The Spirit!

John 16:8-11 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

4. The Blessing Of Our Personal Conversion!

We ought to keep our salvation fresh in our minds!

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Paul kept telling others of his personal conversion!

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II. LET'S STAY STIRRED UP ABOUT THE SEDUCERS!

*2 Peter 2:1—“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even **denying** the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”*

A. They Deny!

B. They Deceive!

They are imposters!

2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Because of this, **IT IS IMPERATIVE** that we stay **spiritually diligent in our Bible study, in prayer, in Church attendance, in sharing the truth, and in looking out for one another!**

III. LET'S STAY STIRRED UP ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES!

*2 Peter 3:1-2—“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may **be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:***

The Bible wasn't just given to them back there!

1 Corinthians 10:11—“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17—“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

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IV. LET'S STAY STIRRED UP ABOUT THE SCOFFERS!
(2 Peter 3:3-6)

- A. While they scoff, let's keep on living for Jesus!**
Just like Noah did!
- B. While they scoff, let's keep on looking for the Lord to return!**

Which brings me to my next and final point ... In order to keep from being stagnant...

IV. LET'S STAY STIRRED UP ABOUT THE SECOND COMING!
(2 Peter 3:9-10)

- A. Remember The Rapture To Come!**(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- B. Remember The Resurrection To Come!**
1 Corinthians 15:20—"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."
- C. Remember The Reunion To Come!**
We'll see loved ones who have gone to heaven before us!
- D. Remember The Reckoning To Come!**
Romans 14:12—"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

2 Corinthians 5:10—"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

- E. Remember The Rewards To Come!**
1 Corinthians 3:13-15—"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

- E. Remember The Revelation To Come! (Revelation 19:11-16)**
The universal appearance of Christ at the close of the Tribulation.
- F. Remember The Reign To Come! (Revelation 20:1ff)**
As we will rule and reign with Christ for 1000 years of righteousness, followed by the Great White Throne Judgment!
- G. Remember the Re-creation To Come! (Revelation 21:1-5)**
A new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Conclusion

Has your Christian life become stagnant? Well, stir yourself up then!
And keep yourself stirred up in these things we've talked about tonight until the LORD calls us home!

- Stay Stirred Up About Your Salvation!
- Stay Stirred Up About The Seducers! (Don't be deceived!)
- Stay Stirred Up About The Scriptures!
- Stay Stirred Up About The Scoffers! (Stay stirred up so you'll just keep on keeping on!)
- Stay Stirred Up About The Second Coming!