

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

2 Peter 1:12-15
Lesson #5
Reminding and Recalling
10/17/2021

Review

Christian FAITH is both a
NOUN (revelation) & a **VERB** (response) (1 Pet.1:1).

As a VERB (1:2-8)

it **UNITES** us with God holiness positionally,
leads to **EXPERIENCING & EXPRESSING**
God's image practically,
and is key for our **ASSURANCE** personally,

As a NOUN (1:9-11)

it is the **MESSAGE** of our hope,
through the Apostles' teaching.

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2 Peter

Finding our way in a Confused World

Salutation	Three aspects of staying on track.		
Faith and the faith	Cultivate a mature faith in sync with Scripture.	Count the cost of worldly alternatives.	Clarify true and false hope.
1:1-4	1:5-15 1:16-21	2:1-22	3:1-18

Holiness

Heresy

Hope



The FAITH as
a noun is the
message.



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**If the Gospel is true, why do we have
to be reminded of it?**

It's not because the case for it is weak.

**It is because there is a strong
cultural "headwind" against it.**

*The Fall of Adam
resulted in a spiritually
hostile world, where
God's people are aliens.*



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As Christian Aliens, we face cultural headwinds in this life.

1 Peter 2:11

"I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul."

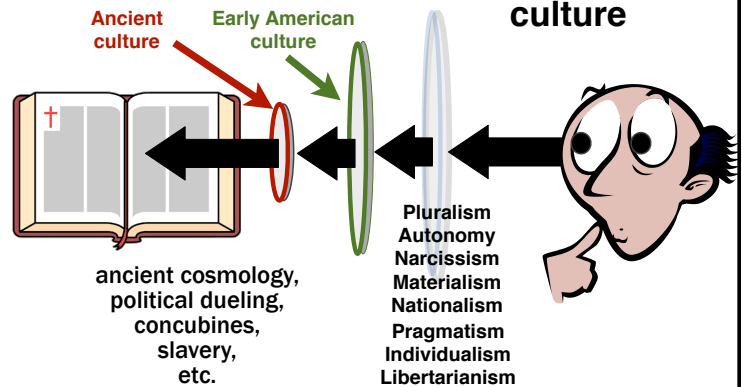


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It is hard to critique OUR culture's lens.

Traditional cultures

Modern Western culture



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Worldliness can coop God's gifts.

A Golden Calf is not unique to Israel.

Corinthian ch.

American ch.



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When God blesses us, He takes a great risk

lest we live for the gift and not for the Giver.



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Worldliness can pollute spiritual blessings.

Matthew 4

"3 If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.

6 If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'

9 All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me."

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The Way of the Cross is not the way of this world.

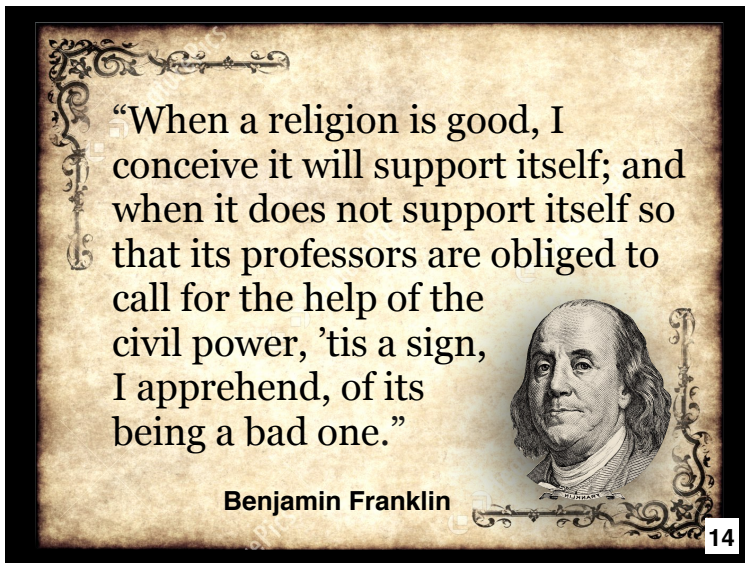
Matthew 11

"¹² And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and **violent men take it by force**. ¹³ For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you care to accept it, he himself is Elijah, who was to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

1 Corinthians 15:19

"If we have hoped in Christ **in this life** only, we are of all men most to be pitied."

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Poor means of life support for the Christian faith

- ✓ Physical Force
- ✓ Civil Law
- ✓ Emotional Manipulation
- ✓ Personal Fear
- ✓ Sentimental Tradition
- ✓ Material Prosperity
- ✓ Repeated Signs



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Don't let the fear of this world shape your agenda in life.

1 Peter 3

"¹³ And who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. **And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled**, ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;"

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John 15

"¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but **I chose you out of the world**, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, '**A slave is not greater than his master.**' **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you**; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

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Religious traditions are not our authority.

Mark 7:8

“Neglecting the commandment of God, you **hold to the tradition of men.**”

Manipulative words are not our authority.

Romans 16:18

“For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their **smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.**”

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Only one sign matters.

Matthew 12

“38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, “Teacher, **we want to see a sign** from You.” 39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet **no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah** the prophet; 40 for just as *Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster*, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

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What are we to add to our faith?

Note what Peter highlights

moral virtue knowledge self-control perseverance
godliness brotherly kindness love

and what Peter does not

Second Blessing Signs and wonders
Social reform World evangelism



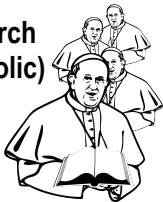
NOTE: It is about personal character and how we relate more than what we accomplish or what we experience.

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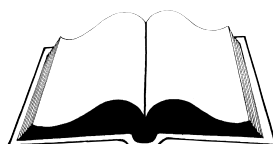
How does the Apostolic message get to us today?

Western church
(Roman Catholic)
50%

Pope



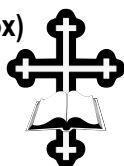
Reformation
(Protestant)
37%



Scripture

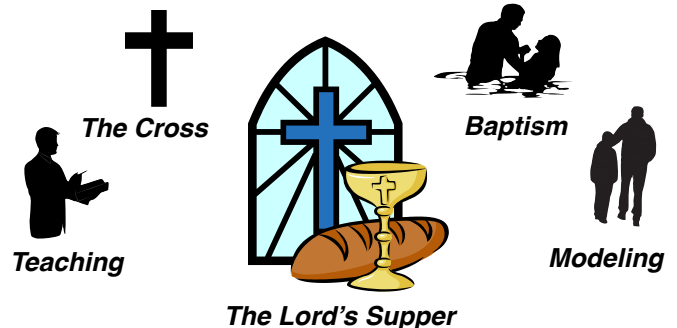
Eastern church
(Eastern Orthodox)
12%

Creeds



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Reminders of the Main Thing



The Lord's Supper



The Body of Christ

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Channels for “Recalling the Truth”



2 Timothy 2:15

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.**”

1 Corinthians 4:6

“. . . learn **not to exceed what is written**, in order that no one of you might become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.”

Deuteronomy 12:32

“Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; **you shall not add to or take away from it.**”

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1 Peter 1

“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved for you, 5 who are **protected by the power of God through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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6 In this you greatly **rejoice**, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by **various trials**, 7 that the **proof of your faith**, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ: 8 and though you have not seen Him, **you love Him**, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly **rejoice with joy inexpressible** and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”

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