

- **2 Peter 1:9-15** "But concerning the one who lacks such things—he is blind. That is to say, he is nearsighted, since he has forgotten about the cleansing of his past sins.

**Matthew 15:14** "Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

**Acts 26:17-18** "I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

- **Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to be sure of your calling and election. For by doing this you will never stumble into sin. <sup>11</sup> For thus an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be richly provided for you**

**1 Peter 1:3-6** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> that is, into an inheritance imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. It is reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are protected through faith **for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** <sup>6</sup> This brings you great joy, although you may have to suffer for a short time in various trials."

**Romans 12:1-2** "Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and pleasing to God—which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God —what is good and well-pleasing and perfect."

- **12 Therefore, I intend to remind you constantly of these things even though you know them and are well established in the truth that you now have. 13 Indeed, as long as I am in this tabernacle, I consider it right to stir you up by way of a reminder, 14 since I know that my tabernacle will soon be removed, because our Lord Jesus Christ revealed this to me. 15 Indeed, I will also make every effort that, after my departure, you have a testimony of these things.**

**James 1:22-25** “But be sure you live out the message and do not merely listen to it and so deceive yourselves. **23** For if someone merely listens to the message and does not live it out, he is like someone who gazes at his own face in a mirror. **24** For he gazes at himself and then goes out and immediately forgets what sort of person he was. **25** But the one who peers into the perfect law of liberty and fixes his attention there, and does not become a forgetful listener but one who lives it out—he will be blessed in what he does.”

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When Peter says that after his departure his readers will be able to call these things to mind, he was probably referring to this very letter, which he left to them as his legacy. While none of us can leave that kind of legacy behind (that is, the legacy of penning the inspired Word of God), we can leave the legacy of the seed of the gospel sown in the hearts of our children and others with whom we have contact. We can leave the legacy of a godly example and good deeds, so that when others think of us, they will be drawn to our Savior and Lord.