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Summarize Peter's hope for these reminders. What would result from heeding these reminders?

- Established in the truth
- Not following their own path (tyranny of the urgent – danger of own agenda)
- Grow here (flourish) not restless because of unmet expectations
- V. 13 stir up —vv.5-7 these qualities yours and increasing
- V. 8 useful and fruitful from secure and growing understanding of identity in Christ
- Keep looking toward heaven
- No deviation from source of life, purpose

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What is implied/included in being able to “call these things to mind”?

- That those who hear, care to listen
- Recognize need because see more of the depths of our depravity, see the sufficiency of the gospel, desire it, and then seek to live it
- Intention — think/meditate on practical implications
- Remembering will give us what we must know to faithfully live and please God
- Like Heb. 13 —look for godly examples and imitate their faith so WE are godly example

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“The nearer our journey’s end be, the faster should we run, according to our strength, in serving Christ, and doing good to souls: for when death is near the best will think the great part of their business undone.”

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- In front of our mind/lived ourselves
- Titus 2:10 adorn gospel in every respect
- Create need- deprave & unable to shed that identity
- Clarifying definition – vision & purpose of gospel
- Able to continue with hope even in face of tangled mess—There is always more than what you /they seeing – i.e. move forward with hope
- See God's greatness in hopeful way—way that gives life and love now as well as in future
- Resurrection from dead
- Rule over angels
- Changed lives/heroes of faith

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Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you,** unless you believed in vain. **3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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- When nothing adorning the gospel (Hassidic Jews)
- When frustrated with present circumstances so fail to see the opportunities for gospel identity/ growth
- When hope in other solutions (may be good, but NOT gospel norms) i.e. If only... (just ___)
- Want to control (some clear path apart from trust in God)
- When lack of dependence auto-pilot
- Little energy/focus on obedience to Gods commands that leads to these qualities formed in our lives vv 5-7
- When priorities aren't shifting in line with eternity (God glory, treasure in heaven)
- Easy to tolerate sin “slow fade” when we forget the power of Jesus' name
- Forget new identity (God as Father) focused on what we do without on who we are
- Forget the grace (goodness of God) acting on our behalf – don't live in light of that
- Parts of God's world become out of proportion
- Loves are not in line with God's loves

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- 1. Live condemned**
- 2. Live naturally**
- 3. Live independently**

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We are talking about words and life living from and backing up those seeds of saving knowledge.

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- It will take work to keep the gospel the main thing
- Many inhibitors to gospel identity and proclamation in our lives (hopes, whatever in front of our minds) or in in their lives
- Those outside of Christ will not value centrality of Christ – must know God's grace to deal with all stirred up by different centers (forgive)
- Know concepts, but must learn how it fits together to live gospel in every situation