

Particular joys of the Christian Life # 3
Grace Gospel Chapel 29 May 2005

THE JOY OF REMEMBRANCE

2 Peter 1:1-15

I. An Introductory Note

In talking about the joys of the Christian life, we have first talked about the joy of salvation: the happiness or inner peace that comes when one knows that he or she is right with God. Our second discussion was presented in concentrated form with the joy of working together set in 2 Corinthians 6. It is not hard to think of many joys that pertain to Christian life and I am not sure that the order is very important. Salvation is primary of course, for without it there is no life, but following that the matter of order is not great. But the joy of memory or remembrance is a joy that has always appealed to me for memory is one of the great gifts of God and one does not realize how good it is to have it.....until one begins to lose it.

Remembrance is defined as calling to mind again, the accurate rethinking of events and circumstances. There are several Greek and Hebrew words translated this way in the KJV, et al. I will not elaborate on them in an individualized way...the general idea is about the same. Key texts in the Old Testament include Deuteronomy 8:4, 18; 32:7; Ecclesiastes 12:1, etc. Key texts in the New Testament include Luke 22:19; John 15:20; 16:4, and the well know 1 Corinthians 11:24. From these texts we learn the importance of remembrance generally and in