

Remembering What's Really Important

1 Chronicles 16:8-17; Jeremiah 31:31; Matthew 26:26-29

1 Chronicles 16:8-10, 15 (NLT) Give thanks to the Lord and **proclaim** his greatness. **Let the whole world know what he has done.** 9 Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. **Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.** 10 Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord. 15 **Remember his covenant forever**— the commitment he made to a thousand generations. Genesis 17:1-11; Jeremiah 31:31

What Is Worth Remembering?

1. The Goodness of God.

Psalms 86:5 (NIV) You are **forgiving** and **good**, O Lord, **abounding in love** to all who call to you. Psalm 145:14-16

Ephesians 2:1, 4-5 (NIV) As for you, **you were dead** in your transgressions and sins. 4 **But** because of **his great love for us**, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 **made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions--**it is by grace you have been saved.**

James 1:17 (NIV) **Every good and perfect gift** is from above, **coming down from the Father** of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Psalms 34:8; 1 Timothy 4:4; Romans 1:21-22

Psalms 136:1 (NIV) **Give thanks** to the LORD, **for he is good.** *His love endures forever.*

What are the things for which you should be thankful?

2. The Sacrifice of Others.

John 15:13 (NIV) **Greater love** has **no one than this**, that he **lay down his life** for his friends. Matthew 20:26b-28

Matthew 26:28 (Jesus) This is **my blood of the covenant**, which is **poured out** for many **for the forgiveness of sins.** Hebrews 9:15; Romans 3:25

What are the sacrifices that have been made for you?

3. Our Freedom In the Present.

Romans 6:18 (NIV) You have been **set free from sin** and have become **slaves to righteousness.** Ephesians 2:8-10

John 8:32 (NIV) Then **you will know the truth**, and the **truth will set you free.** John 8:31; 8:12; Romans 8:1; 1 John 4:18

Now that you're free, who will you live for?

4. Our Hope For the Future.

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great mercy he has given us **new birth into a living hope** through **the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** Philippians 4:13; Romans 15:13

Matthew 28:20b (Jesus) "**I am with you always**, to the very end of the age." Isaiah 41:10

Matthew 26:29 (Jesus) I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on **until that day** when I drink it anew with you **in my Father's kingdom.** Psalm 103:1-5

Do you trust in Jesus for your future?