

Remember the Resurrection of Christ!

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Scripture Reading: II Timothy 2:1-19

The Christian life requires that we do a lot of remembering (I Corinthians 11:23-26; I Timothy 4:6; II Timothy 1:3-6; 2:14; II Peter 1:12-15; 3:1). Sometimes people have totally forgotten something and need to be retold. Other times they just let things slip from their regular thinking and need a little reminder. The best thing is when we actively continue to remember something and do not have to be reminded. That takes diligent effort. There are a lot of things to remember. There are a lot of things that are competing for our attention that are less important, not important, useless, or false. So, we must remember to remember the best things. One of the best things is that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead (II Timothy 2:8 John 14:19)! He is alive! He is coming again! He will bring His reward with Him! He will rule the earth!

Let's look at II Timothy 2:1-19 from the perspective of verse eight.

The resurrected Christ gives us strength and grace.

See II Timothy 2:1 cp. Philippians 1:11; 3:10; 4:13.

The resurrected Christ gives us a legacy.

See II Timothy 2:2 cp. I Corinthians 4:14-17.

The resurrected Christ has called us to be His soldiers.

See II Timothy 2:3-4 cp. Ephesians 6:10-20.

The resurrected Christ has called us to be athletes.

See II Timothy 2:5 cp. I Corinthians 9:24-27.

The resurrected Christ has called us to be farmers.

See II Timothy 2:6 cp. I Corinthians 3:5-9.

The resurrected Christ gives us understanding.

See II Timothy 2:7 cp. Ephesians 5:8-17; Colossians 2:3, 6-10.

The resurrected Christ gives us the good news / the Gospel.

See II Timothy 2:8 cp. I Timothy 1:12; II Timothy 1:8-14; Galatians 1:6-9;
II Corinthians 15:1-8.

The resurrected Christ gives us troubles, along with unstoppable power.

See II Timothy 2:9 cp. John 16:33; II Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18; 12:7-10;
Philippians 1:27-30; II Timothy 1:6-8.

The resurrected Christ gives us others to seek and rescue.

See II Timothy 2:10 cp. Matthew 18:11-14; 28:18-20; Romans 1:14-16;

I Corinthians 9:19-22; 10:32-33.

The resurrected Christ gives us a choice: to believe and follow Him, or to deny Him.

See II Timothy 2:11-13; Matthew 25:31-33, 46; Revelation 22:12-17.

The resurrected Christ gives us a way to escape vain religion.

See II Timothy 2:14, 16-18 cp. John 10:1-10; Colossians 2:6-10

The resurrected Christ gives us a way to be unashamed / not put in confusion.

See II Timothy 2:15 cp. Isaiah 28:16; I Peter 2:6; Romans 9:32-33; 10:11.

The resurrected Christ knows us and is leading us to depart from iniquity.

See Matthew 7:21-27; Titus 2:11-14.