

## **THINGS THAT ENDURE.**

### **2 PETER 3:9-13, 13.**

1. Our Scripture reading calls attention to the fact that there are few things in this world which truly endure.

The years come and they go. Change and decay are all around us. There are few things that endure in this world of sin and sorrow.

2. The heavens and the earth will one day pass away. In so doing, they will give way to a new Heaven and a new Earth. (2 Peter 3:13)

So few things endure in this world as we know it. However, there are some things that do endure and they belong to the People of God.

Let's look at:

### **SOME THINGS THAT ENDURE.**

#### **A. The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. Ps 9:7 says that "...The Lord shall Endure for ever..."

Ps 103:12 says, "But Thou, O Lord, shall Endure for ever..."

2. Ps 102:25-27 says, "Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the Work of thy Hands."

"They shall perish, but Thou shalt Endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed."

"But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end."

3. He is the Lord Who changes not. He is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Heb 13:8)

He is our Lord, and we belong to Him. Furthermore, He belongs to us and, as we have His Life, we will Endure with Him.

So The Lord Will Endure Forever.

#### **B. The Name Of The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. Ps. 72:17 says that "His Name shall endure for ever..." This was a Psalm written by Solomon.

There is no Name like or equal to the Name of the Lord.

2. It is a Name that is higher than any other Name.

Phil. 2:9-11 says, "Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which above every Name:"

"That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow..."

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father."

3. The Song Of Solomon 1:3 says that "...Thy Name is as ointment poured forth..."

That Name we love and adore is an Enduring Name.

4. The Promise of Jesus, to His People, to those who Overcome, is found in Rev. 3:12.

He said, "...I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the Name of the city of My God...and I

will write upon him My New Name.”

Rev. 22:4 says that “...His Name shall be in their foreheads.”

So The Name Of The Lord Will Endure Forever.

### **C. The Glory Of The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. Ps. 104:31 says that “The Glory of the Lord shall Endure forever...”

He is the Lord of Glory. In fact, the Glory of our Lord is our Glory.

2. Hab. 2:14 says that some day “...the earth shall be filled with the...Glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Furthermore, He will come to be Glorified in His Saints when He comes to receive them in that day.

3. 2 Thes. 1:10 says, “When He shall come to be glorified in His Saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.”

At that time, we will share that enduring glory. He will be our Glory, and the Glorified Church will be His Glory.

So The Glory Of The Lord Will Endure Forever.

### **D. The Righteousness Of The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. Ps. 112:3 says that “...His Righteousness Endureth for ever.”

This is referring to one of the Compound Names for God: ‘Jehovah-Tsidkenu.’

2. Jer. 23:6 says, “...And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

The Hebrew Word for ‘the Lord our Righteousness’ is ‘Jehovah-Tsidkenu.’

3. It is because of the Death of Christ on the Cross that we can have the Righteousness of God.

2 Cor 5:21 says, “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the Righteousness of God in Him.”

4. Because of His Resurrection from the dead, we can have Right Standing with God.

Rom. 1:4 says that He was “...declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the Resurrection from the dead.”

5. Rom. 5:1 says, “Therefore being Justified by Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Rom. 5:8-9 says that “...God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

“Much more then, being now Justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

6. So our sins are gone forever. They will never be brought up against us ever again.

He took our sins and paid for them by His Death on the Cross.

He took our sins and gave us His Righteousness.

Everyone who comes to Him as a sinner and receives Him as Savior, receives this wonderful exchange. That is, our sins for His Righteousness.

So The Righteousness Of The Lord Will Endure Forever.

**E. The Mercy Of The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. Ps. 136:1 says, “O Give Thanks unto the Lord; for He is Good: FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOR EVER.”

In fact, all 26 verses of this chapter end with the same words, “...for His Mercy endureth for ever.”

2. He has loved us with an Everlasting Love. In fact, it is a Boundless Love that will never change.

He loved us when we were helpless, hopeless, undone and lost sinners.

3. Eph. 2:4 says, “But God, Who is Rich in Mercy, for His great Love wherewith He loved us.”

He came to die for us. He sought us and saved us.

In Luke 19:10 Jesus said, “For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

4. In 1 Tim. 1:2, we have the Greeting of the Apostle Paul. He said, “...Grace, Mercy, and Peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.”

He used this same greeting in 2 Tim. 1:2 and Titus 1:4.

5. Titus 3:5 says, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us, by the washing of Regeneration, and Renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

The Apostle said in 1 Peter 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His Abundant Mercy hath begotten us again unto a Lively Hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

6. So our Lord is rich in Grace, Mercy and

Peace. In fact, it has been multiplied unto us.

He will never fail to sustain us. Even in the darkest night, we can say, “...His Mercy Endureth For Ever.”

7. It has been His Mercy in the past and in the present that has kept us. This will also be true in the future.

So The Mercy Of The Lord Will Endure Forever.

**F. The Word Of The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. The Apostle said in 1 Peter 1:25 that “...the Word of the Lord Endureth for ever...”

Jesus said in Matt. 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.”

Heaven and earth will pass away, but that will never happen to His Word.

2. It is an enduring and abiding Word. We can Trust in the Word of God because it cannot fail.

It is always true. It is pure and holy. There is no error whatsoever to be found in it.

We shall never be ashamed as we Trust in the Word of the Lord.

3. It stands upon an Everlasting Foundation. It will endure forever.

We can Trust in the Unfailing Promises of The Unfailing God.

So The Word Of The Lord Will Endure Forever.

**G. The Seed Of The Lord Endures Forever.**

1. Ps. 89:36 says that “His Seed shall Endure forever...”

In speaking of Jesus, our Sin-Bearer, the Prophet said in Isa. 53:10-11, “...It pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His Soul an Offering for Sin, He Shall See His Seed...”

“He shall see of the travail of His Soul, and shall be satisfied: by His Knowledge shall My Righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.”

2. All those who have come to God in Repentance and Faith are the Seed of the Lord. We are His Offspring.

We have been born into the Family of God by a Spiritual New Birth. We have become Partakers of His Divine Nature.

3. Eph. 2:1 says that we “...were dead in trespasses and sins.”

But then, Eph. 2:5 says that God “...hath quickened us together with Christ...”

This is referring to that which is dead coming to life.

3. So we are alive today because of the Life-Giving Power of God that came into us when we received Christ as Savior.

Remember we, as Believers, are the Children of God.

4. John 1:12 says that “...as many as received Him, (Jesus) to them gave He Power to Become the Sons of God even to them that Believe on His Name.”

1 John 3:2 says, “Beloved, Now are we the

Sons of God...”

5. It is in Him that we have Comfort, Strength and Salvation. In fact, in Him, we have everything we need or will ever need.

It is the Promise upon which we can stand. We are His Seed, His Children and, as such, we have Eternal Life.

So The Seed Of The Lord Will Endure Forever.

6. In a world where things are constantly changing and where few things endure, it is good to remember those things that do endure.

They all involve the Eternal God and the People of God.

Let’s keep our eyes on Jesus and the Things of God. Let’s do it!

### **THINGS THAT ENDURE:**

1. The Lord.
2. The Name of the Lord.
3. The Glory of the Lord.
4. The Righteousness of the Lord.
5. The Mercy of the Lord.
6. The Word of the Lord.
7. The Seed of the Lord.

Let’s Focus on the Things That Endure!