

Introduction

- Lesson text: [Ps. 50:10-15](#)
- 1. We all need reminders from time to time (cf. [2 Pt. 1:12ff](#)).
 - a. Why? Our minds are bombarded with so much information on a daily basis.
 - b. Without reminders we are prone to forget some very important information.
- 2. Certain reminders should lead us to thanksgiving to the God of Heaven.

I. Remember That the Earth Belongs to God

1. The Earth belongs to the LORD because He created it ([Ps. 24:1-2](#); cf. [Ps. 89:11](#)).
 - a. Consider the creation record ([Gen. 1](#)).
 - i. God spoke the Universe into existence ([Ps. 33:6](#)).
 - ii. He preserves it with His Word ([2 Pt. 3:5-7](#); cf. [Col. 1:16-17](#)).
 - b. As our Creator, we should be thankful for Him ([Ps. 100:1-5](#)).
 - i. God wants the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of our lips, in thanksgiving ([Ps. 50:10-15](#); [Heb. 13:15](#)).
2. Since the Earth belongs to the LORD, He is sovereign over His creation ([Ps. 67:4](#), [47:2](#); cf. [Ps. 83:18](#), [97:9](#)).
 - a. The fact God is King of all the Earth prompts songs of praise ([Ps. 47:6-8](#)).
3. Since the Earth belongs to God, He owns everything ([1 Chr. 29:10-17](#)).

II. Remember That the Church Owes Her Origin and Existence to God

1. The church was in the mind of God from eternity ([Eph. 3:9-11](#)).
 - a. This means that the church precedes all other religious institutions in origin.
2. Christ only promised to build His church ([Mt. 16:13-19](#)).
 - a. Only one church was built ([Eph. 1:20-23](#), [4:4](#)).
 - b. Religious sectarianism is not God's plan ([1 Cor. 1:10](#); cf. [1 Cor. 11:18-19](#), [12:25](#)).
3. It required the blood of Christ to purchase the church ([Ac. 20:28](#); cf. [1 Cor. 6:20](#)).

- a. Therefore, Christ owns the church hence the name “church of Christ” or the church which belongs to Christ ([Rm. 16:16](#)).
- b. The church is not of manmade origin.
- 4. The church was established on Earth on the Day of Pentecost following Christ’s death ([Ac. 2](#)).
 - a. This was in accordance with what Jesus Himself said would happen ([Mk. 9:1](#); [Ac. 1:4-8](#)).
 - b. The church is the location of the saved ([Ac. 2:47](#); cf. [Eph. 1:3-14](#), [2:1-22](#), [5:23](#)).

III. Remember Our Birthday

- 1. To become a Christian one must be born again ([Jn. 3:1-8](#)).
 - a. A Christian has two birthdays with the spiritual birthday being the most significant.
 - b. Being born again takes place at baptism ([Tt. 3:5](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#); [Eph. 5:26](#)).
 - c. Baptism is the means by which one puts on Christ and gets into Christ ([Gal. 3:26-27](#)).
 - d. Upon being born again, one becomes a child of God ([Jn. 1:12-13](#)).
- 2. It took the crucifixion of Christ for us to be redeemed ([1 Pt. 1:18-21](#)).
 - a. This makes the church of equal value as the blood of Christ ([Ac. 20:28](#))!
 - b. We need His blood to wash us from our sins ([Rev. 1:5](#)).
 - c. That blood is contacted in baptism ([Ac. 22:16](#)).
- 3. God gave us a weekly reminder for what He did for us ([1 Cor. 11:23-26](#)).
 - a. Let us remember this great sacrifice and be thankful!

Conclusion

- 1. Remember that the Earth belongs to God.
- 2. Remember that the church owes her origin and existence to God.
- 3. Remember your spiritual birthday.
- 4. Let us be thankful!