True Christians are Mindful of Jesus Christ 2 Peter 1:8-9

A. The qualities spoken of here by Peter are given to believers and empowered by _____, as we pursue ______ in them.

- 1. The believer is empowered by _____. 2 Peter 1:3 Ephesians 3:16-17
- 2. Any growth in our faith has its _____ in God. 2 Peter 1:4 Ephesians 2:1-5

3. We are to pursue Christ as the _____ of all these qualities. 2 Peter 1:8 Colossians 2:6-7

B. These increasing qualities will result in believers being ______ and effective in the knowledge of our Savior.

2 Peter 1:8

1. Being in Christ will inevitably lead to _____. John 15:1-5 (Galatians 5/1 Corinthians 13) 1 Peter 1:15-16

2. These qualities will come no other way than knowing ______. John 14:5-6

> London Baptist Confession, Chapter 13, Section3, Page 31 In this war, the remaining corruption may greatly prevail for a time. Yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part overcomes. So the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. They pursue a heavenly life, in gospel obedience to all the commands that Christ as Head and King has given them in his Word.

C. When we lack these qualities, we forget the _____. **2 Peter 1:9**

1. What do we mean by "the gospel"? a. Who is _____? **2 Peter 1:1** Col 1:15, 19

b. What has Christ _____?

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The Lord Jesus most willingly undertook this office. To discharge it, he was born under the law and perfectly fulfilled it. He also experienced the punishment that we deserved and that we should have endured and suffered. He was made sin and a curse for us. He endured extremely heavy sorrows in his soul and extremely painful sufferings in his body. He was crucified and died and remained in a state of death, yet his body did not decay. On the third day he arose from the dead with the same body in which he suffered. In this body he also ascended into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of his Father, interceding. He will return to judge men and angels at the end of the age.

c. What are the _____ in trusting Christ alone? 1 Peter 5:10

2. What is the evidence of forgetting the gospel?
a. We ______ adding to our faith these qualities
2 Peter 1:9 1 Timothy 6:11-12

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These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. Through good works believers express their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, build up their brothers and sisters, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of opponents, and glorify God. Believers are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, so that they bear fruit leading to holiness and have the outcome, eternal life.

> b. We stop loving God and stop loving _____ 2 Peter 1:5-7

c. We will lack assurance, hope and peace, because of spiritual _____.

2 Peter 1:9 Romans 5:1-2