

Title: Don't Forget about 2020

*"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*

This past Wednesday night after Bible classes, I saw some of the young kids tear the tape off of the pews. I can remember in March of 2020 when the tape was first put on those pews. Last year, was a challenging year. But it's a year we need to remember. The world is opening up again. My family and I were in Cancun Mexico last week for a wedding. People are travelling. Flights are expensive again.

While some may want to completely forget about 2020, it's important we don't! Last year forced us to slow down. We had more family time. I can still remember walking in our neighborhood and seeing so many in their yards. For some, last year was a reminder about how important it is to worship with the saints! I can still remember a sister through her car window mention to me, "I will not be taking worship for granted again." When things are going smoothly, it's easy to forget or not focus as much on what is truly important. Suffering has a way of making us appreciate things more.

Last year was a time where many engaged in numerous Bible studies they wouldn't previously have time for. Christians studied with others from around the country. Some studied more with their families. Some studied with their colleagues due to down time. Don't forget about 2020. God warned Israel not to forget what He had done for them. Sadly, they often did. What about us? Let us continue to draw closer to God in 2021. Let us continue to worship together. Let's continue to add to our faith as Peter mentions in 2 Peter 1. Let's remember our great God and His amazing blessings. Let's love Him and keep His commandments. Let's continue to remember the important lessons we learned from 2020.

- Benjamin Lee