

REMEMBER THE FIRE!

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Remember when recorded music came on “records”? How about 8-tracks? Reel-to-reel? Cassettes? Maybe you remember CDs then. Those were the shiny “compact discs” that you played in a CD player, back before you downloaded your music in the form of mp3’s to play on an mp3 player. Now I listen to music on Pandora or an iTunes playlist. Things that were so amazing at the time have been replaced by more efficient, better quality updates in technology.

But some things do not go out of date, and I’d like to mention a few that are worth remembering. Remember when you realized that you had no assurance that you had a relationship with God that gave you any hope of going to heaven when you die or that gave you any reason for confidence that God hears your prayers? And so you decided to become a Christian? Remember when you made up your mind that it was time to follow Christ and receive salvation and devote yourself to following him as Lord of your life as well as Lord of the universe? You were really motivated then. You firmly believed in Jesus and the Bible. You were baptized and you were certain that when you did that, not only were your sins forgiven, but that you had been born again to live a new life in a new and wonderful relationship with the Lord. Your heart was full of faith and joy to be a Christian. You told other people about your decision, not just at church. You came to church often: class and worship on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday evening and other things too. You would have stayed all day if they would have let you; you couldn’t get enough of it. You read the Bible every day, prayed and talked about your faith.

Those things are worth remembering. Try to remember why you felt like that. Has your enthusiasm declined since then? Not as excited and committed? Has your faith gone back to a dull routine of mundane duty? That’s the spiritual equivalent of trading your smart phone with iTunes for one of those old cassette players. Don’t let it happen. Remember the faith, commitment and the love for the Lord you once had, and fan those barely smoldering embers back into the blazing flames that once were there!