

“WHERE THERE IS LIFE THERE IS REPETITION”

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A comedian was honored on a national television special for his many years in the entertainment field. One of the participants encouraged the comedian to keep telling the same jokes over and over again because, said he, “Where there is life there is repetition.” How true! Perhaps that is one reason the apostle Peter, as he came near the end of his life said, “I think it is right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by reminding you” of truth ... “knowing that shortly I must put off my body,...I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things” (2 Peter 1:12-15). One of the purposes of Peter’s letters was to remind his readers of eternal truth by repeating truths they already knew, because “where there is life there is repetition.” We see this illustrated in life when a little child says to its parent after hearing an oft repeated and familiar story, “Read it again, read it again.” This truth is further illustrated by two people in love who keep saying to one another, “I love you.” It is also illustrated by the human body which, as long as it lives, is fed and exercised and rested over and over again. Even God, the author of life, is repetitious as He says to the sun every morning, “Do it again.” He says to the stars every night, “Do it again.” It is true, isn’t it? ...“where there is life there is repetition.” Our country, established upon the principles of individual liberty, economic well-being, and religious freedom is worth preserving. But, if the Republic stands it will be because enough people keep repeating the American dream and because we return again and again to the faith of our fathers because, “Where there is life there is repetition.” In our spiritual lives there must be repetition if we are to live. We keep returning to the origin of

Christianity as revealed in Scripture. We keep studying, praying, singing, giving, teaching and eating of the Lord's Supper. We keep on seeking to be Christians only and members of the New Testament church because, "Where there is life there is repetition." Repetition should not mean boring or going through the motions of formalism, but repetition should mean life. So keep on doing the right thing because, "Where there is life there is repetition."