

That You May Know

Introduction:

- A. We can have confidence in our salvation. - 1 John 4:17-18; 5:13
- B. How can we have confidence in our salvation?

I. Basis: God is:

- A. loving (He wants all to be saved.) - John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- B. gracious (He has done all He can consistent with His nature and ours to effect our salvation.) - Romans 8:31-32
 - 1. His holiness - 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 1:5-6
 - 2. our free will - Revelation 22:17
- C. long-suffering (He gives us ample opportunity to repent.) - 2 Peter 3:9
- D. faithful - Titus 1:2
- E. able - 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Corinthians 10:13
- F. accessible - 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 4:14-16
- G. active - 1 John 5:14-15

II. Means: Our Walk in the Light - 1 John 1:7

- A. We can know God's will. - 1 John 2:20; Ephesians 3:4; 5:17
- B. We can avoid sin. - 1 John 2:1; 3:8; 5:3
- C. We can know our sins. - 1 John 1:8; Matthew 15:18-20; Romans 3:20
- D. We can know enough to go to heaven.
 - 1. There is danger in ignorance. - Matthew 15:14
 - 2. We need to mature. - Hebrews 5:12 - 6:1
 - 3. But there is security at various levels of maturity. - Philippians 3:15-16
- E. We don't have to understand everything in the Bible. - Romans 14:1-3
- F. When we are unsure, we can refrain from a practice. - Romans 14:23
- G. The sincere seeker will be successful. - Matthew 7:7-8; John 7:17

Conclusion:

- A. Tell of the little girl who was unafraid though aboard a sailing ship in a terrible storm because her daddy was the captain.
- B. If we lack confidence in our salvation, either we lack faith in God, know we are not living right, or both.
 - 1. lack faith in God - Hebrews 11:6
 - 2. know we are not living right - 1 John 3:20-21
- C. Doubting soul, have faith in the captain of your salvation!
- D. What joy this will bring. - 1 John 1:4
- E. When I come to the end of the journey, I want to have the confidence, peace and joy I saw in Dad the last time I saw him alive.