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## **Erasing All Doubt (#1)**

**"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12).  
"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:" (II Pet. 1:10).**

For over 40 years I have preached the wonderful Gospel of Jesus. My honest desire has always been to help my brethren see God more clearly and love Him more dearly. I have earnestly tried to help folks find comfort for their sorrows, and spiritual peace and happiness in living as a faithful Christian. I've also gone to bed every night feeling inadequate because I was not more like my perfect role model, Jesus.

Sadly, because I'm only human, I've not always been able to calm every fear nor dispel every doubt. However, that doesn't mean there's not an answer to every question, relief for every fear, a ray of sunshine for every disparaging moment, and sure counsel for erasing all spiritual doubt. If only I were more like Jesus, with his perfect knowledge and authority over all things spiritual (Mt. 7:29 & 28:18, Acts 10:38), I could better share the "ready answer for the hope that lies within" (1 Pet. 3:15).

One thing I am absolutely sure of is that the Bible has all the answers for our spiritual concerns. All we need to do is spend more time "searching the Scriptures" (Acts 17:11), for that is where the answers to our spiritual questions will ultimately be found (2 Tim. 2:15 & 3:15-16).

Like a man groping in the dark, we search for God to give us hope for a better life here and heaven in eternity. Jesus said He came to provide an abundant life (Jn. 10:10). The Apostle Paul preached that when we "feel our way toward God" we can find Him because He is "not far away from every one of us" (Acts 17:27). Because Jesus is "the light of the world" (Jn. 8:12 & 9:5), He can give us the spiritual light we need to see past the darkness of our despair and doubt (Ps. 119:105).

I know you want to have the heart of God and be more like Jesus, or you wouldn't be here today reading this article. Did you know the Bible says you can "know that you have eternal life" in Jesus (1 Jn. 5:11-13)? As we continue these thoughts in future articles, hopefully we can mine the Scriptures deeply enough to find assurance in our quest for spiritual hope in Christ.

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