

## How Can You Be So Sure?

*(Knowing that you know that you know)*  
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“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**” (John 20:24-29 , NIV)

### How do you know...

Why **you're here?**

Where **you're going?**

What **matters now?**

What **waits beyond?**

### How can you be so sure?

**The promise of Scripture.**

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have

eternal life. ***This is the confidence we have in approaching God:*** that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”  
(1 John 5:11-14 NIV)

**The witness of history.**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Hebrews 12:1 NIV)

**The continuity of story.**

“...for **all have sinned and fall short** of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:23-24 NIV)

**The nature of God.**

“...in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time” (Titus 1:2 NIV)

**The self-evidence of truth.**

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” (Romans 1:18-20 NIV)

**The confidence of trust.**

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:3-6 NIV)