WHAT DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE?

By Allen Madigan

Have you ever heard the greeting, "What do you know for sure?" It was made popular by an interview with Oprah Winfrey in the late 1990s, which inspired her column "What I Know For Sure."

We live in a knowledge-based society with information available at our fingertips. Every day we are bombarded with information from different sources - news, ads, and social media. Sadly, some is fake news, false advertising, scams, or possibly AI-generated. It's hard to decide what is true, which leads to uncertainty, and that causes anxiety. Some feel that nothing is for sure and begin to lose hope.

So, the big question is: "What *can* we know for sure?"

The world's bestselling and most reliable book, the Bible, offers us answers. It speaks honestly about our condition before God, its consequences, and His remedy. The Bible is God's message for us today – something we can know for sure.

WHAT IS TRUE?

The Bible states, **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"** (ROMANS 3:23).

God's standard is perfection, and none of us meet it. **"There is none righteous, no, not one"** (ROMANS 3:10). Sin has eternal consequences: separation from God. **"The wages of sin is death"** (ROMANS 6:23).

GOD LOVES US AND HAS PROVIDED SALVATION.

Romans 6:23 continues: **"But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

God didn't just leave us in our hopeless condition He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin when He died on the cross.

"In this is love … He [God] loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [satisfaction] for our sins." 1 JOHN 4:10

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." JOHN 3:16

WE CAN KNOW FOR SURE.

Salvation is a free gift, not something that is earned. If you will admit that you are a

sinner and accept God's gift of salvation, you will be saved. Then you will know for sure that your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life.

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things have I written … that you may know that you have eternal life…" 1 JOHN 5:12-13

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." ACTS 16:31

While much of the information we see every day isn't true, in the Bible we find God's words, which are true and unchanging. Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"** (JOHN 14:6).

Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour now and know for sure that your sins are all forgiven and that you have a home in heaven.

All Bible quotations are taken from the New King James Version.

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