



I. INTRODUCTION

A. The experts agree

Judges 17:6 (NLT) In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

- These were days of oppression by enemies, and moral and spiritual chaos
- There are many voices in the word today
 - Can we tell the difference between voices and noises?

B. I know and I'm persuaded

2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV) For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

II. I BELIEVE

2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV) ¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

Because I believe

A. God's word is true - I have confidence

Psalms 119:89 (NKJV) ⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

Romans 4:17-18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

- Abraham had nothing more than you and I do – he had what was spoken. He believed that

Romans 4:21 (KJV) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

B. Because I know that God is a good God - I have peace.

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him

C. Because I know God is all powerful - I will not fear



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This I Believe

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Psalm 27:1 (NKJV) The Lord *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 43:1-2 (NKJV) But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; You *are* Mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

- God has the power, but what about me?

Isaiah 40:29 (NKJV) ²⁹ He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.

D. Because I know that God is Love - *I have security*

1 John 4:16 (NKJV) And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Romans 5:8 (NKJV) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Before I could do anything good, he loved me
- God’s love for me isn’t based on our merit it’s based on His character

E. Because I know there’s an empty tomb - *I have victory*

1 Corinthians 15:57 (TLB) How we thank God for all of this! It is he who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- Because the tomb is empty I know that the devil is defeated.

Col. 2:15 (Message) He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

- Because the tomb is empty I know that I have authority

Revelation 1:18 (NLT) I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave

- And because Jesus rose triumphantly from the dead, I know that I am an overcomer,

1 John 5:4-5 (NLT) ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.



F. Because I know that Jesus is coming again - I have hope

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (NKJV)¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

III. THIS I BELIEVE

A. What I know is that not everyone believes this

Luke 19:13 (NKJV) So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'

- Jesus said we are to make this our occupation

Mark 16:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Because I know ...

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- ... that God is good I have peace.*
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- ... that God loves me I have security.*
- ... that there's an empty tomb I have victory*
- ... that Jesus is coming again I have hope*