

## Our confidence in the gospel rests on a solid foundation

The apostle John wrote that it is possible for us to know that we have eternal life: “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 Jn. 5:13). We do not need to be in doubt about whether we are in a right relationship with God. We can know that we are saved and find peace in our relationship with God.

Knowing that we are saved, however, depends on our having responded rightly to God’s will as it pertains to our salvation — and all we can know of God’s will is what is revealed to us in the gospel records, that is, the writings that tell us what the apostles heard and saw of Jesus. Our confidence in our salvation, therefore, rests upon our certainty that apostles’ testimony is true. For this reason, it is important for us to be sure that what Christ originally taught is true and that the apostles’ written records are reliable. Fortunately, the trustworthiness of the gospel is something we can be sure about. *Our confidence in the gospel rests on a solid foundation.*

As he introduced his careful account of the Lord’s ministry, Luke stated: “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught” (Lk. 1:1-4). By thoughtful consideration of the gospel account, we can know the truth about what really happened during Jesus’ life and ministry.

If we do not pay careful attention to the truth of the gospel throughout our lives, however, we may lose our grip on that truth. The Hebrew writer cautioned: “We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.” (Hb. 2:1). We will be saved “if indeed [we] continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that [we] heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven” (Col. 1:23). This week, let’s be reminded not only of the trustworthiness of the gospel, but also of our need to give “earnest heed” to it. Let’s renew our commitment to be faithful to the truth of the gospel.

### Monday: Luke 1:1-4

**Key Idea:** It is possible to be sure about the truth of the gospel of our salvation.

**Questions for Family Growth:** What did Luke say it seemed good to him to write? According to v.4, what should be the result of our having the kind of information contained in Luke’s gospel? Consider also Jn. 20:30,31.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 17:26.

## Tuesday: Hebrews 2:2-4

**Key Idea:** The gospel was announced by the Lord Himself.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In **v.3**, what happened “at first”? Consider also **Hb. 1:1-4**. How could the Lord have proclaimed the gospel if His kingdom was not established until after His ascension? According to **Mt. 4:17**, what did Jesus preach about the kingdom?

**Wisdom for the Day:** **Proverbs 17:27,28**.

## Wednesday: Hebrews 2:2-4

**Key Idea:** The gospel was confirmed by eyewitnesses of the Lord.

**Questions for Family Growth:** In **v.3**, after the Lord’s announcement of the gospel, what did those do “who heard” what Jesus taught? Consider also **1 Jn. 1:1-4**. Many others heard and saw Jesus, but what was special about the testimony of the twelve apostles?

**Wisdom for the Day:** **Proverbs 18:1**.

## Thursday: Hebrews 2:2-4

**Key Idea:** The gospel was further confirmed by God with miracles.

**Questions for Family Growth:** According to **v.4**, how did God “bear witness” to the truth of the gospel? Consider also **Mk. 16:19,20**. Why do we not need the gospel to continue to be confirmed with miracles like those that took place in the first century?

**Wisdom for the Day:** **Proverbs 18:2**.

## Friday: Hebrews 2:1

**Key Idea:** Lest we drift away, we must pay careful attention to the gospel.

**Questions for Family Growth:** Just because we once were saved, does that mean it is impossible for us to be lost? What would it mean to “drift away” from the gospel? How can this be prevented? Consider also **Col. 1:21-23**.

**Wisdom for the Day:** **Proverbs 18:3**.

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