

MAKING SURE

(2 Peter 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 13:5,6)

BACKGROUND

- What do you believe will happen to you when you die?
- Why do you believe what you do believe?
- Do you have objective evidence for your belief?
- Do you have subjective evidence for your belief?
- Can we find evidence in the Bible to fully know the answer? We **MUST!!**
- Can we have full, absolute and final assurance of our destiny? **YES!!!**

FULL ASSURANCE

- Full assurance of understanding (Colossians 2:2)
- Full assurance of hope (Hebrews 6:11)
- Full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:22)
- Full assurance of the gospel (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

I. A SUPERNATURAL SALVATION CAN BE FULLY KNOWN (2 Pet.1:1-4)

- A. A Divine Call (vv.1-3)
- B. A Divine Nature (v.4)
 - All believers brought into union with Christ (cf. John 15:4,5)
 - All believers are partakers of the divine nature (cf. Ephesians 4:13,24)
 - All believers are partakers of the divine nature through the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19)
- C. A Divine Power (v.3)

II. A GOD-HONORING LIFE IS EXPECTED (2 Peter 1:5-7)

- A. Peter's Strong Command (v.5)
- B. Qualities of a God-Honoring Life
 - Faith
 - Moral Excellence
 - Knowledge
 - Self-control
 - Perseverance (steadfastness)
 - Godliness
 - Brotherly Kindness
 - Christian Love

III. THE REWARD OF GODLINESS IS GLORIOUS (2 Peter 1:8-11)

- A. A Satisfying Effectiveness for Christ (v.8)
- B. A Full Assurance of Salvation (v.8b)
- C. A Glorious Entrance to the Presence of the Lord (v.11)

APPLICATION (2 Corinthians 13:5,6)

- "Test yourselves"
- "Examine yourselves"