

Dealing with uncertainties

Romans 10:13 NKJV

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Philippians 1:6 NKJV

‘being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ’

Jude NKJV

²⁴ Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Titus 2:11-13 ESV

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

‘Britain’s economy is in the dog-house. Inflation is stuck, debts and deficits are high, and productivity growth is low. Yields on long-term government debt are above those in any other big rich economy.’

The Economist

2 Thessalonians 2:15 NKJV

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

Luke 24:27, 44-45 ESV

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Acts 1:6-8 ESV

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 NKJV

¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

John 14:17 ESV

‘the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.’

John 16:13 ESV

¹³‘When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.’

Ephesians 1:13-14 NASB

¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise,
¹⁴ who is a first instalment of our inheritance, in regard to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Some day the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall sing;
But oh, the joy when I shall wake
Within the palace of the King!**

**And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story– Saved by grace;**

Fanny Crosby 1894

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Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Today's message explained the assurance that God saves, completes His work, and keeps us from falling. Which of these promises speaks most strongly to an area of uncertainty in your life right now?
2. What helps you stay spiritually grounded when culture, news, or circumstances feel unstable?
3. Jesus told the disciples that some things are not for us to know, but that we will receive power through the Holy Spirit. How do you balance wanting answers with trusting God's timing and guidance?
4. 1 Corinthians 3 describes our lives and works being tested by fire. What kinds of things in life do you think are "gold, silver, and precious stones" that will endure through uncertainty?
5. How does an eternal perspective change the way we respond to present-day fears and uncertainties?

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