

We May Certainly Know the Certainties!

Introduction

Luke 1:1-4

- 1. We live in a world of great “uncertainty.”**
 - A. Uncertainty of the world stability; economics and world politics.**
 - B. Uncertainty of religious, moral, and civil issues: Religious freedoms, abortions, homosexuality, speech.**
- 2. The “gospels” are about truths and realities that are “sure,” “solid,” and “certain.”**
 - A. “Things most surely believed” (vs. 1)**
 - B. “That you may know the certainty of those things...” (vs. 4)**
 - C. God’s people need solid ground to stand on. All people need this.**
- 3. In the lesson this morning, we want to look at some things that we certainly can be certain about.**

Certainty of God's Promises

1. The gospel of Luke begins with the “certainties of God’s Old Testament promises.” There are two basic promises to three humble servants.
 - A. Zacharias and Elizabeth – “The birth of John the Baptist.”
 - B. Mary – “The birth of Jesus the Messiah.”
2. It is good to be reminded of other “certainties.”

Certainty of Death

1. This is an absolute truth – we don’t need the Bible to tell us this.
2. But, the Bible does speak on the certainty of death:

Psalms 89:48 What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?

Ecclesiastes 3:19-21

Ecclesiastes 2:14-16

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

3. We see also the certainty of how brief life is:
Job 14:1-2
James 4:14

Someone once said; “Death is not extinguishing the light from the Christian; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.”

Certainty of the Resurrection

- 1. We are promised in scripture that there certainly will be a resurrection one day.**

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

John 11:23-24 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Certainty of the Judgment

- 1. We learn from the Bible that there will be a judgment day for all of mankind. This will be certain and there is no escaping it.**

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Romans 14:10-12

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Certainty of Eternal Separation

1. **There certainly will be a separation from the good and evil that will take place immediately when we die.**

Luke 16:19-31

2. **Jesus speaks about the fact that the unrighteous will suffer eternal condemnation, and the righteous will go on into eternal life with Him and His Father.**

Matthew 25:31-46

3. **We learn these truths from Paul and John also:**

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,**

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, **which is the second death."**

Revelation 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever.**

Conclusion

1. **Uncertainties of the world will always exist.**
 - A. **The world cannot offer any permanent solution.**
2. **God's certainties are given so that we might establish our lives with proper foundations and proper perspectives.**
3. **Eternity is a certainty we must not ignore!**
4. **It is up to each one of us where we spend it.**
5. **We certainly do have the certainty of God's love.**

John 3:16

 - A. **Believe in the Lord and obey Him today and every day so that you can gain an eternal home with him!**

