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THE PRESENCE OF PERSUASION

One of my favorite verses in all the Bible is II Timothy 1:12: *“For the which cause 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 that which I have committed unto him against that day.”* Look at that word, “persuaded.” It means to be fully convinced. As you look through the Bible you will find many times where the word “persuaded” is used. Let me show you where you find the word “persuaded.” I believe these three passages describe every person that is reading this, or every person that you meet every day.

I. Some Are Fully Persuaded

“And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” (Romans 4:21) There are many things I don’t know for sure, but there is one thing I do know for sure. I know that I am saved; I know that my name is in the Book of Life; I know I have a home in heaven; I know that I have passed from death to life; I know that I have been born again. I am fully persuaded about that!! Can you say, I am fully persuaded?

II. Some Will Never Be Persuaded

“And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” (Luke 16:31) If a person will not believe the clear preaching of the Word of God, they won’t be persuaded if God were to raise a dead man from the grave. There are some people who refuse to believe the Word of God.

LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD

I am beginning my eighth year in full time evangelism. There have been over 1,000 public salvation decisions every year since 2005. I have seen 1,065 professions of faith this year, and I thank God for each one. I will be in 50 revival/crusade meetings this year. Already I have 42 meetings scheduled for 2013. I am praying for over 1500 professions of faith next year. It is with great excitement that I look forward to what God is going to do in 2013. As I have shared with you on many occasions, I go to any size church in any location, with no up-front guarantee for money. In order to keep doing this, I must have your financial support. Many of the churches I will be in next year are smaller churches and will not be able to even meet my expenses. Because of that, I am asking for your support.

Let me be very honest with you – I need your monthly support. Many of you have given monthly since I started in 2005, and for that I am deeply grateful. You are such a blessing to me. Then some of you used to give, but have not given lately. I am asking you, will you prayerfully consider starting to give monthly again? Others of you who receive this newsletter have not given to support my ministry. If you believe in what I am doing, would you be willing to support my ministry? You will find a commitment card enclosed so you can mail it back with your commitment. I really need to hear from you.

When God guides, He provides – but God uses people.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

November

4-7 Meridian Baptist Church, Jackson, TN
10-11 First Baptist Church, Lawton, OK
25-28 Bellview Baptist Church, Laurens, SC

December

2-5 Laurel Bluff Baptist Church, Kingston, TN
9-12 Flatwoods Baptist Church, Parsons, TN

January

13-16 Oak Grove Baptist Church, Springfield, TN
20 Harvest Day, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lebanon, TN
22-23 Pastors Leadership Conference, Milan, TN
27-29 North Alabama Bible Conference, Anniston, AL

February

10-13 Bible Conference, First Baptist Church, South Fulton, TN
19-21 Pastors Leadership Conference
24-27 Orinda Baptist Church Orinda, TN