INFALLIBLE PROOFS

Allow the change our Lord Jesus has made in your life to be an infallible proof that He lives.

KEY POINTS

- Each person has to analyze their own experiences and come their own faith conclusions regarding the reality that Jesus is God and that He is alive.
- If we would take the time to consider (and share) our experiences, we would clearly see that God, through His love and care for His children, has done more than enough to prove to us that He is real.
- Many can point to God's financial provisions after they have obeyed His promptings to give tithes and offerings to Him, and financial blessings to others.
- Others have experienced deliverance from incarceration, including a brother who was justly convicted for a crime he had committed. But while he was in prison, he turned his life over to Jesus and asked Him to take control. Miraculously, his sentence was commuted!
- Still others have been miraculously healed from incurable forms of cancer and other illnesses (at least one of whom refused medical treatment that could, at best, only delay death due to the disease).
- However, it must be noted that we may not all receive financial windfalls. Incarcerated believers may not all be freed. Not everyone must choose to decline medical treatment, and with or without treatment, we may not all be miraculously healed.
- But as the disciple Ananias instructed Saul the persecutor (later Paul the Apostle), all of us can "…witness to all men of what [we] have seen and heard" regarding Jesus (see Acts 22:15).
- Even those who have not yet begun their personal walk with Christ may already have infallible proofs in their lives of Jesus' reality, love and care.
- If that's you, then you are His witness and you need to share your story with those who don't know Him.
- On the Day of Pentecost Peter preached to a group of people who saw and heard infallible proof of the present power of God operating in His disciples.
- Jews from various countries and regions had come to worship in Jerusalem. On this day they heard believers proclaiming the "wonderful works of God" in languages they had never learned (Acts 2:11).
- In shock and amazement (and also great fear of God's judgment on their sins), they asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"
- Peter gave them this answer that still applies to every individual today:

KEY SCRIPTURES:
Acts 1:1-3; Matt. 28:11-15; John 21:1-14; Luke 6:38; Acts 22:14-16; Acts 2:38

- "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38 NKJV).
- The Lord has already given you the spark of faith in your heart. If you have not yet done so, He wants you to respond in obedience to His call.
- Turn to God with a true understanding that your sins have created an eternal separation between you and Him.
- Ask for His forgiveness and commit to turning your life completely over to Him.
- Ask to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that full payment for your sins will be applied to your account. You will be "born again" into a new life in Christ.
- Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord has promised you.
- Allow Him to radically transform your life and give you supernatural power to share Him and His word with those around you – your friends, family, colleagues, classmates, and neighbours – and, through the power of His Spirit, even your enemies.
- The change others see in you will become their infallible proof that Jesus is alive and active in our world today.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Search the scriptures (use Key Scriptures as a start) to find and share "infallible proofs" that convinced the early disciples that Jesus had truly risen.
2. What "proofs" should be evident that someone has been "born again", or "resurrected" into a new life in Christ?
3. If you were to be asked to give "a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15), what "infallible proofs" would you offer from your experiences with God?

Prayer Time

Jesus, I know You are alive! You have made an incredible, unexplainable, but unmistakable difference in my life. I just want to say, Thank You!

L.G. ice-Breaker: Share an "old wives' tale" that you have heard, and maybe used to believe.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

(Reminds me/Confirms) (New idea) (Think about)

(Do this) (Speaks to my heart) (Must share)

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