

Lies Men Want to Believe – Part Two

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Romans 8:24-25

You can be certain of the future. I cannot tell you that you will certainly die someday. All I can tell you is that you should count on it. **People want to be certain that they are saved.** Some philosophers say that you cannot be certain of anything, that even your existence is questionable. Assuming that most people do not doubt their existence, I am talking about not being certain of the future.

We use the word "know" in at least four different ways: 1 - Intimacy – Adam knew Eve and they had a son; 2 - Information – Do you know where I placed the car keys? 3 - Assurance – I know that the kidney operation will be a success. 4 - Certainty – I know that I am talking with you.

Paul notes in Romans 8 "we are saved by hope." By definition, hope is future anticipation. For example, you do not say, "I hope I am alive right now." Rather, you say, "I hope for a long life" – assuming you wish to live a long life.

Certainty is an expression of arrogance. It is a desire to be in control. You are not in control; you never have been and you never will be. A proper relationship with God necessitates your understanding this.