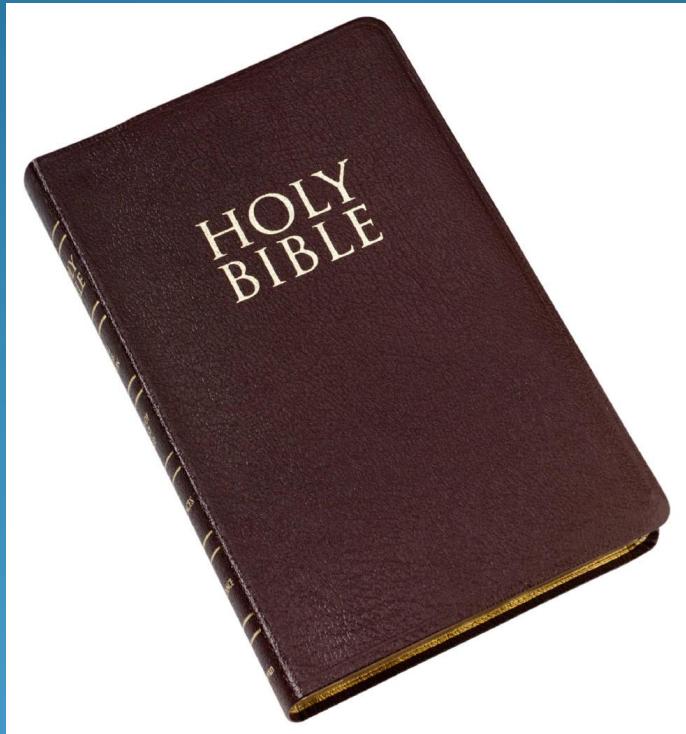


The Power of God's Word



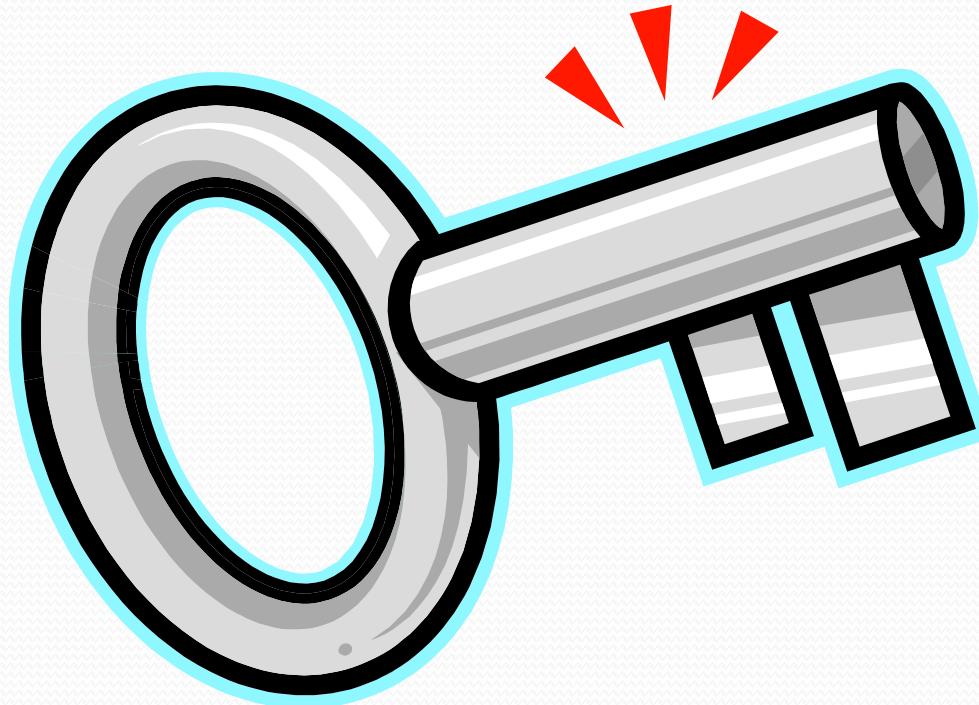
Speaking of the Powerful Word

- The Word - Written
- The Word – Spoken
- The Word -- Incarnate

Powerful in Assurance

- The most enduring and comforting source to assure us that we are truly saved people is the written Word of God.

Thinking about Keys



But these are written

- John 20:30-31

- To bring the reader to belief
- By highlighting the all-sufficiency of Christ
- John records seven miracles with a message (signs)

Signs

Water to Wine	Master over Quality
Healing at a Distance	Master over Distance
Healing a man ill for 39 years	Master over Time
Feeding the 5000	Master over Quantity
Walking on water	Master over Nature
Healing the man born blind	Master over Disease
Raising Lazarus from death	Master over Death

These are written that you might believe that

- Christ is the master over every facet of life that normally masters us!

But these are written

- I John 5:12-13

But these are written

- To bring the believer to assurance –
“know”

Reasons we doubt our salvation

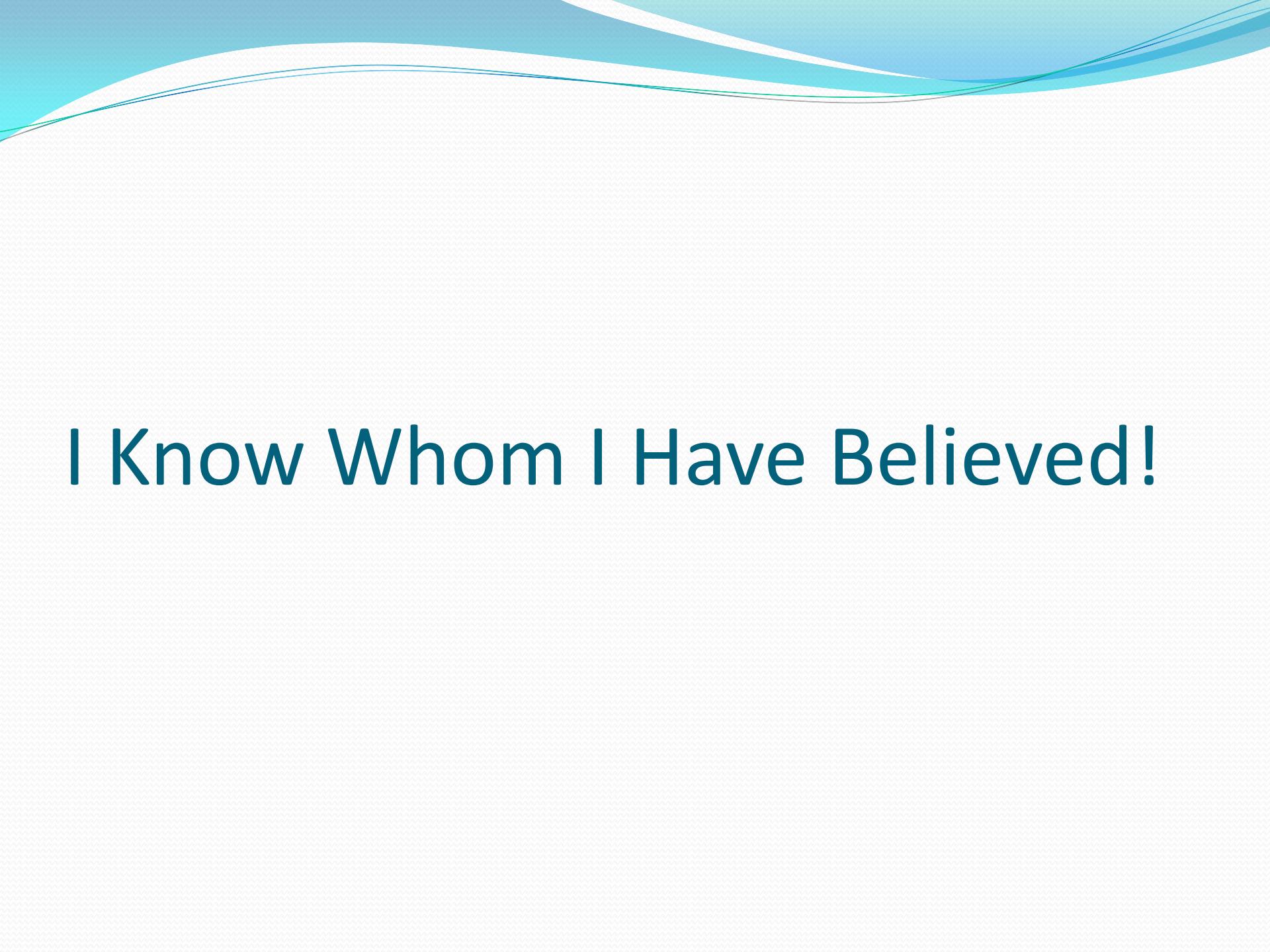
- No dramatic change in our lives
 - We did not “do it” right
 - We think in the wrong direction
- All decisions are tough for some folks

4 Birthmarks of those “born again”

- A new attitude about Christ – 5:1
- A new attitude about sin – 2:29; 3:6-9
- A new attitude about believers –
4:7; 3:16-18
- A new attitude about life – 5:4-5; 2:15-17

Finally . . .

- Better to look within than at our past for assurance.
- At least one mark should be evident in our lives.
- Look to internal, supernatural realities in our own gut.
- These birthmarks prove the reality of our aliveness!



I Know Whom I Have Believed!

