

**"Thou dost keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is fixed on Thee, because he
trusts in Thee. Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."
(Is. 26:3-4)**

ANOTHER THING I KNOW

**"I know the One who I put my faith in and I am
persuaded He will guard what I entrusted to
Him until that day {When I die or when Jesus
comes back}". - 2 Timothy 1**

I AIN'T LOST

Read Luke 15 A little farm boy was sitting under a tree whistling. A man in a big new car drove up and said, "Son, how do you get back on the interstate?" The boy said – "go this way about two miles and turn right. No.. go back the way you came and turn right. No..." The man interrupted him and said, "Boy, don't you know anything?" The boy said "Yes sir, I know I ain't lost".

One Bible word for people who are not Christians is "lost". Jesus used this in Luke to show how God comes and looks for us when we leave Him. A lady lost a coin and she searched and searched until she found it. It was valuable to her. A shepherd lost a sheep and searched until he found it. It was valuable to him.

A boy Left home to try life on his own and his father did not know where he was. When that boy made a mess of his life, he decided to go back home. The father saw him coming down the road; ran to meet him and threw a party for him. I believe he saw him because he looked down that road constantly.

After one year in seminary, I was as confused as a termite In a wooden yoyo. Thinking God did not need a confused person standing in a pulpit and telling people about him, I felt I had not been

called to preach and decided not to go back to Seminary. I even apologized to God for thinking I had been.

I went to a career class in the church I had been attending. A guest speaker, a PHD from Southern Seminar, said Jesus was not God. He was a man filled with the spirit of God like we should try to be.

I could not let that go, so I asked him if Jesus is only a man how can he die for my sins. He said He did not die for sins. He was setting an example telling us if we obey God, we will go to heaven just like He did. I thought to myself, there is no way I'm going to make heaven. I've tried many times to be a better person and failed every time. It was like mopping a dirt floor; the harder I worked the dirtier I got.

I knelt by my bed that night and said, "God, I am confused about predestination; hell being real fire; the return of Jesus and what happens to people who never heard of you, but I'm not confused about what we have to do to be forgiven and go to heaven." That next Sunday I preached in a church and I asked this song for the invitation: le

I love to tell the story of unseen things
above / Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus
and His love. / And when in scenes of glory,
I sing a new, new song / It will be the old, old
story that I have known so long.

Jesus, as a human being, did come just to tell us the Father will forgive us. He suffered and died on a cross to pay for our sins so we can be forgiven. That is what Christmas is all about. The wood of the Jesus cradle rubs up against the wood of the cross. Jesus said:

**"The Son of man (talking about Himself)
did not come to be ministered to but to
minister to others and give His life as a
ransom for many." [Mark 10:45]**