

Being sure that I'm a Christian

A New Life

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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

It is easy to make the mistake of measuring whether I am a Christian or not by my feelings. Don't do it! Believe God! Trust his word! We can KNOW that we have eternal life.

John recorded the "signs" in his record of the gospel so that John 20:31 *"you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

1) Do you believe and trust that Jesus is the one true God's only perfect rescuer King; that only he can bring you into a relationship with God; and that only he can give you real, full, eternal life?

If you do then you have life - eternal life - and you are a Christ-person, a Christian.

Look up John 1:12

When we first turn to follow Jesus, we become God's children. Yet we are like babies and we need help & food.

Peter wrote to new Christians, 1 Peter 2:2-3 *Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

2) Where do we find the food we need?

Read Psalm 119:9,11

God's word does give answers to everyday problems, and shows us God's priorities for our lives. It is important to set a time each day to try to read and study God's word and to talk to him. Learning, or "hiding" important passages of the Bible in our hearts, makes us stronger in following Jesus in our life.

A New Enemy

Before you trusted Jesus, Satan - the devil - may not have caused you any problems. But now you have left his side, and joined the people of Jesus. Satan no longer can control you. You belong to Christ because he bought you for a price - at the cost of his own death. This makes Satan angry and he will try to trouble you and distract you.

We can overcome Satan only as we use the weapons God has provided. Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:17 *Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

The Bible is our weapon of defence and attack

When he was tempted by the devil in Matthew 4:1-11, even Jesus used the Bible passages that he had learned to defeat Satan's attacks. If Christ thought it was necessary to submit himself to the authority of God's word to confront the Evil One, then how much more do we need this mighty weapon in our battles with evil.

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3) Who gives eternal life, and where is it found?

4) Who has eternal life, and who does not have it?

5) What results of human rebellion are written in Isaiah 59:2?.

6) Why do human efforts always fail to reach God?
See Ephesians 2:8-9

7) How did Peter explain what God has done to bring people back to him?
See 1 Peter 3:18

8) According to Jesus, in John 5:24, what are the 3 results of hearing and believing?

9) What did Jesus promise his followers in John 10:27-29?

10) What happens when a person becomes a Christian? 2 Corinthians 5:17

Meditate on 1 John 5:11-13 - that is, “chew” on it, talk to God about it, and consider how to apply it to your life.

11) How do you know that you have eternal life?

Thank God for what he has given you in Jesus Christ. Hide 1 John 5:11-13 in your heart.