

Beginning with Christ

Follow-Up #1



When you made your decision to receive Christ into your life, you made the most important decision of your life. Let's talk about your new life and what you can expect. To do this short study, you will need a Bible and a pen. [Do you have a Bible? Are you familiar with its layout?]

Just because you invited Christ into your life, can you be sure that He is actually living in you? Here is one reason why you can be confident. The Bible, God's Word, can be totally trusted. It has been proven accurate many times over. As you look at Jesus' promises in the Bible, you can be sure He will do just what He said.

Let's look at **3** promises that Jesus Christ wants you to know and understand.



CHRIST IN YOU

When you invited Christ into your life, you depended on His promise in Revelation 3:20. Look at this verse in your Bible. (Revelation is the last book in the Bible.) What has Christ promised you?

Based on the trustworthiness of Christ's promise, where is He right now? In your life, or outside of your life? _____

It may sound unusual that Christ is living in you. Actually, it is His Spirit who lives in you. You cannot see or touch Him, but as you grow in your new relationship with Him, you will become more keenly aware of His supernatural presence.

Revelation 3:20 has a second promise from Jesus. He says that, in addition to coming into your life, you will also dine or have fellowship with Him. This actually means that you have begun a new relationship with Christ and He wants it to be the most important relationship of your entire life.

WILL CHRIST LEAVE YOU?

Now that you have invited Jesus Christ into your life, could He possibly leave you? Could you lose your relationship with Him and the assurance that your sins are forgiven? There is a second important promise for you in Hebrews 13:5-8. Check with the index in your Bible to find the book of Hebrews. What does God promise you in verse 5? _____



Because of this promise, what should be your attitude? (see verse 6) _____

Is Jesus Christ consistent in keeping His promises? (see verse 8) _____

How do you know? _____

When you trusted Christ as your Savior and invited Him into your life, you were born into God's family. You can never lose your "birth," so to speak. Christ will never leave you and you will always be a child of God. John 1:12 says, "But to all who received Him (Christ), He gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was trust Him to save them."



AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

The third promise Christ has for you relates to your destiny after this life. You no doubt have thought about death, and perhaps it has frightened you. But Christ has a special promise for you, now that you have received Him. It is found in 1 John 5:11-13.

Explain the promise in these verses. (Don't confuse 1 John with the Gospel of John. Again, check your Bible index.)

Through Jesus Christ, God has promised you eternal life. Physically, you will die one day but spiritually, you will never die. The real you will live eternally with God.



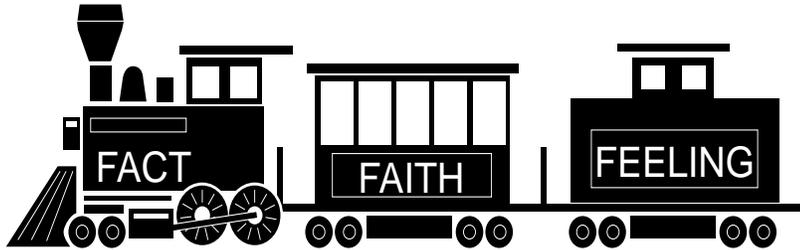


WHAT ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS?

Suppose you wake up tomorrow morning and you don't feel as if Christ is in your life. Does that mean that you are no longer a Christian?



This train diagram illustrates the difference between your **feelings**, the **fact** of God's Word, and the important role of your **faith**.



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, we as Christians, do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promise of His Word.

Feelings will always be a part of our lives, but feelings can be very inconsistent at times. That is why Jesus Christ has given us the facts of His promises. He is always consistent.

LET'S REVIEW

What facts about Christ have you learned from these scripture verses?

- 1) Revelation 3:20
- 2) Hebrews 13:5-8
- 3) 1 John 5:11-13

These are good news, aren't they? Perhaps you would like to take a moment right now and thank God for what He has promised you.

Re-Birth Certificate

Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.



X _____ Date: _____

Next week we are going to talk about your new identity, now that you have received Christ.