



# Assurance

(Knowing you are a Christian!)

Often when someone becomes a Christian there is an instant spurt of enthusiasm and then soon after many doubts and fears start to come in. "Am I saved?" "Did God really accept and forgive me?" "Was it all in my mind?" This experience is perfectly normal, but it is important to know how to respond to this experience, if we are to persevere in our faith.

**Discuss** - (In group / or small groups)

**Q1)** Do you think you are a Christian? If so why?

**Q2)** How do you **Know** you are a Christian?

**Q3)** Have you noticed any changes in your life since you became a Christian?

To allow our emotions to cause us to doubt, undermines our faith and leaves us in a position a bit like sitting on a chair that we don't think will hold our weight. **!!Insecure!!** Our emotions go up and down and so cannot be depended upon to bring us security in our faith. Jesus wants us to be absolutely certain that we belong to Him, are "Born Again," and going to heaven when we die.

So how can we know that we are saved?

You see in anything in life we can depend upon our feelings or depend upon the **FACTS**. No where does it say in the Bible that we are saved because we "feel saved." God wants us to depend upon facts, not our feelings in regard to our salvation.

Lets look at some of the **FACTS** that God gives us to prove we are saved.

## Fact 1 - The Word of God confirms it!!

The Bible testifies to our salvation, through faith in Jesus. Lets look up the assurance that God's Word gives us.

Promise of Jesus' acceptance in John 6 v 37 - 40 \_\_\_\_\_

If we confess Jesus is Lord we are saved- Romans 10 v 9 - 13 \_\_\_\_\_

## Fact 2 - The Inner witness of the Spirit testifies to it!!

The Holy Spirit Himself witnesses to us within that we are Children and will receive the just rewards of a living faith in Jesus.

Romans 8 v 15 - 17 tells us this \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1 v 13 - 14 \_\_\_\_\_

## Fact 3 - Longing to change, to become more like Jesus.

One of the signs that we truly belong to Christ is found in our desire to please Him and become more like Him in our words, lifestyle and actions. Romans 8 v 29 tells us this \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians also tells us that the Spirit works a transformation in our lives.

Galatians 5 v 16 - 26 says \_\_\_\_\_

## Fact 4 - Love for our new Family grows within us

When we have experienced a true new birth experience we are lead by the Spirit and the Word to recognise that we have been birthed into a new family. This family is made up of all those who have been spiritual born again. Part of the conversion experience is that it draws us towards our spiritual brothers and sisters and develops within us a love for them. 1 John 3 v 10 - 18 1 John 4 v 7 - Ch 5 v 5 says \_\_\_\_\_

So as you can see there is no need to rely just on your feelings and good intentions.

Trust in the **Facts** that God gives you, be confident in your new birth experience and actively expect to grow in God and His salvation for your life.

