

# 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?

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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.

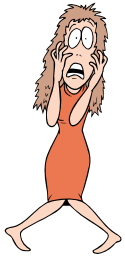
Explain the promise in these verses. (Don't confuse 1 John with the Gospel of John. Again, check your Bible index.)

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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.



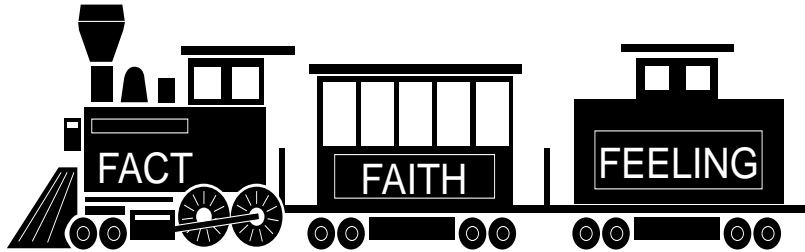


### WHAT ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS?

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.

## **teacher helps:---just illustrations and stuff (optional)**

after 1st paragraph--- tell them not to be embarrassed about not knowing where things are in the Bible.... show them where the index is and have everyone find it, .... so everyone feels comfortable

after 2nd paragraph--- read Joshua 21:45

Intro to 1st section:

discuss: have you ever counted on a promise and it fell thru? What happened? Why was it a disappointment? Go through "Christ In You":

----When it talks about the Spirit who lives in you, you can parallel the spirit with the wind.... ie... you can't see the wind, but you can see the effects of it all over.... you can recognize wind, and you'll be able to recognize more and more His Spirit in you as He affects you!

---- Rev. 3:20-- emphasize that most people think of God as an untouchable power, unpersonal.... but in this verse He wants to "dine with You".... get to know you... hang out with you! and he promises He'll come in.

Intro to 2nd section:

discuss: How many of you have ever had a best friend? How many of you have ever had them or someone you love leave you?.....Go through "Will Christ Leave You?"

In the last paragraph of section, emphasize the part of becoming part of God's family.... if He is a King, then what does that make us as his daughters?!.... It's a privilege to be part of a royal family!

Intro to 3rd section:

discuss: How many of you all have ever had anyone you know die? Do you guys every think about dying? That's why Christ gives us this next promise!..... Go through "An Eternal Perspective"

Emphasize the conditional clause: "Whoever has the son, has life..... whoever doesn't have the son, does not have life"..... !

Intro to 4th section:

discuss: How many of you have ever gone to an imax movie? or a 3-D movie? What does it do to your mind?.... it makes you feel like you're really falling off the cliff, etc... BUT... are you really falling? NO! That's how our feelings are too! We may feel something and even believe it, but does it make it true? NO! We can't always depend on our feelings! Satan is more powerful than an IMAX movie and can trick us into feeling things that are not true about ourselves. ....Go through "What About Your Feelings?"

Let's Review Section: Have them tell you what each verse said! Remind and help them.

At the end, there may be some girls who thought they were christians, but realized they weren't.... that's why the prayer is at the bottom. Say something like, " maybe as we've been going through this today, you've realized that you have never asked Christ to come into your life to forgive you of your sins... I want to give you the chance to do this, so if everyone will bow their heads, I'll read through this prayer, and if this expresses the desire of your heart, then pray along silently and christ will come into your life as He promised! Pray slowly, phrase by phrase so they can repeat it silently. Express excitement for anyone who did that and tell them to tell you later about their exciting new decision to invite Christ into their life!

Remind them that next week same time we'll be meeting again together to learn more about their relationship with God ..... Ask if any of them would be willing to do it at their house!-- get their name we'll call them to let them know where!

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It'd be good to remind the students about the next meeting by phone, and at practice the day before! That way they can get rides, and check with their parents

Eternal Security helps you understand how great a salvation you have.

Hebrews 3:1

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When God saved you, he left you here on earth b/c He brought you into His family to participate in His plan to live out His purpose - the work God has called you to do.

Mt 12 - my friends = those who do the will of God.

4:1 - rest = able to thoroughly enjoy what you have.

Not everyone values their salvation the same - some appreciate it more than others. It was free to us, but it cost God a lot! His son...

Enjoyment of the "rest" comes to those who value their salvation.