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10 BASIC STEPS

HOW TO KNOW FOR SURE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN

1 John 5:13 p. 864

Living the Christian life is the most exciting adventure known to man.

2 Cor. 5:17 p. 819

John 1:12 p. 750

Good parents want their children to be sure of their relationship with them. God, the best parent wants us to be sure. We have:

I. The _____ of God

If we were to rely on our feeling we could never be sure about anything. The promises of the Bible are true and timeless and they never change. John 1:12 . 1 John 5:13 it tells us that the Bible was written to help us **KNOW** that we have eternal life right now.

Rev. 3: 20 Once we have invited Jesus into our lives he promises that he will never leave us. Matt. 28:20. He promises to give us eternal life. John 10:28. That life is a relationship with Him.

John 17:3 John 10:10. It is real life here and life to come. A Christian has the best of both worlds. If we should die we go to be with the Lord. II Cor.5:1-9. Heaven awaits us. John 14:1-6. If we are alive when Jesus comes back and we have the promise that He will come back He will take us away. I Thess. 4:13-18. We will get new bodies and a new home and will live forever.

II. The _____ Of Jesus

God loves us and Jesus came to die and pay for our sins so we could have a relationship with God. John 3:16. The whole thing is based on God's love for us. Isa. 53:6. 1 Peter 2:24, II Cor. 5:21. Jesus paid full the penalty for our sin. "It is Finished." _____!

III. The _____ of the Holy Spirit

When a person becomes a Christian the Holy Spirit of God comes to live within them. 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

A. The Holy Spirit _____ us from within.

He produces the character of the life of Jesus in our lives. This is called the fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23. "*Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*" There will be changes that will take place that are noticeable to you and to others. Eph. 2:8-10. II Cor. 5:17. We develop a new love for God and for others. 1 Cor. 2:12. There is a desire to know more. There is a hunger and thirst for more of the Lord. Psa. 42:1-2.

We develop a different attitude for others. We see them differently. We see them with the eyes of Jesus. We have compassion for them. He gives us His love for them. 1 John 2: 5-6. 1 John 3:14.

B. The Holy Spirit Gives Us A _____ That We Belong To God. Romans 8:15-16

It is a gentle peace for some, a still small voice for others and a quiet assurance for others. But it is there!

Have you received Jesus Christ into your life? If you are not sure, then make sure **right now. Pray and invite Christ into your life.**

