

Begin memorizing 1 John 5:12-13:

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 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. “

Bible Study

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Hebrews 6:18-20 “God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain”

Faith and Assurance

It is a comfort to know that God intends for us to be sure of our salvation. He simply wants us to have faith, trusting Him and believing He will do everything He said. In this lesson you should learn:

- A. God is faithful and keeps His promises.
- B. He promises us eternal life.
- C. We obtain His promises by faith.
- D. We can know we have the eternal life He promises.

PRAY before you start! Answer the questions briefly and in your own words.

ASSURANCE To assure means to put beyond all doubt. As a Christian you have assurance regarding some basic promises God has made. You can become convinced of the reality of these promises in your life as you memorize, meditate on, study, and apply the Scripture verses presented here.

FAITHFULNESS refers to the character of someone who has shown he is trustworthy and can be relied upon to keep his word. Some suggest we cannot find facts to support our faith. This is why the resurrection of Jesus is so important. It gives assurance to the hope. Because of a Christian view of faith, Paul is able to say in 1 Corinthians 15 that when it comes to the resurrection, if we have only hope, but no assurance--if Jesus didn't indeed rise from the dead in time/space history--then we are of most men to be pitied. That's what he says: We are of most men to be pitied.

1. How is God described regarding His promise?

Hebrews 10:23

2. If we don't believe or have faith, what happens to God's faithfulness?

II Timothy 2:13

3. What does God promise us?

I John 2:25

Titus 1:2

Faith is the key that opens the treasure chest of God's promises.

4. What pleases God?

Hebrews 11:5-6

5. Where do we get our faith?

Romans 10:17

Our feelings and emotions change from day to day. On some days we may not "feel" like God loves us. DO NOT be deceived by feelings and emotions. The devil can use them to put doubt (opposite of faith) in our minds to try to destroy our faith. We should not put our trust in feelings that will change.

6. What does the Bible say about our feelings?

Proverbs 14:12

7. Who or what should we trust in, that never changes?

I Peter 1:24-25

Hebrews 13:8

While our feelings come and go, we can have our faith steady and solid by basing it on what God has said in His Word. Here are a few of the things God has told us.

8. When we come to Jesus, what is the one thing He has promised NOT to do?

John 6:37

9. What can separate us from the love God has for us?

Romans 8:38-39

10. When we yield to God's Spirit and let Him lead us, who does the Bible say we are?

Romans 8:14

11. We are told to love one another. What does the Bible say about those who have God's love?

I John 3:14

I John 4:7

12. Because God (our Father) disciplines us when we go against His will, what does this tell us about our relationship with Him?

Hebrews 12:6-7

13. How can we be sure that we know God?

I John 2:3

14. If we have Jesus in our hearts and believe in Him, what do we have?

John 3:16

I John 5:12

15. Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. How do we know we are His sheep? Again, what is our reward?

John 10:27-28

16. Are you one of His sheep?

How do you know for sure?

For a great explanation of FAITH, read Hebrews 11:1-40.

From memory, write out your memory verse below.