

FAITH TRACKS: Day 2

Basic Guides to Spiritual Growth • Track 1 (Monday)

HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT I AM A BELIEVER?

Let's suppose you're having a really bad day. You're late for an appointment. You get a flat tire on the way to the store. Your family is angry at you and you just got a notice in the mail that you're library books are past due. How do you know that Christ is still in your life?

Let's take a look at what God says in His Word.

1. A PROMISE OF CHRIST

- Write out John 3:16 – _____

- What does Christ promise? _____
- What do you have to do? _____
- If you believe, can you be sure of having eternal life? _____
- Do you think Christ would lie to you or mislead you? • Why or why not?

2. TWO KINDS OF LIVES

- Read 1 John 5:11-13 • If you have the Son, what else do you have? _____
- What kind of life do you have? (verse 11) _____
- What is eternal life?

(A life in relationship with Christ now on earth and with Him for eternity)

- Can you know for sure that you have eternal life? (verse 13) _____

3. THE LOVE OF GOD

- Read Romans 8:38-39 • Is there anything that the author left out that could separate you from God's love? _____

- Why is it so important that nothing can separate you from the love of God?

4. RESPONDING TO HIS PROMISES

- Read Hebrews 13:5-6 • What has God promised to Christians? (verse 5)
- Because of this promise, what should your attitude be?

5. DON'T DEPEND ON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible – not your feelings – is your authority. The train diagram below illustrates the relationship among fact (God and His Word), faith (your trust in God and His Word), and feeling (the result of your faith and obedience). (Read John 14:21.)



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, the caboose can't pull the train. In the same way, as a Christian, you can't depend on feelings or emotions, but you can and should place your faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

YOUR ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

- If you have invited Christ into your heart as your Savior, you can be certain that:

1. Christ is in your life.
2. You have eternal life.
3. Christ will never leave you.