

The Holy Spirit is God Himself living inside us.

What does the Holy Spirit tell us, to increase our certainty of being saved? *Romans 8:16* _____

How does the Holy Spirit help us in our Christian walk?

John 14:26 _____

Can we rely on our feelings?

There are three things to think about.

1. **The FACT** of what God says in His Word.
2. **The FAITH** we have in that FACT
3. **The FEELINGS** we all have which have a remarkable ability to change quite rapidly.

Day by day, **FACT, FAITH, FEELINGS** are walking along the wall of salvation, *Isaiah 60: 18*, with **FACT** leading. So long as **FAITH** keeps looking at **FACT** all is well, but when **FAITH** turns around and looks at **FEELINGS** it is likely that they will both fall off the wall.

Let us go on to maturity – Hebrews 6:1

Becoming a Christian is the start of a journey. At the beginning we are like newborn babes, *1Pet 2:2*, and there is a lot to learn before we reach maturity.

Christians are not perfect and when we sin it is important to confess our failure and receive God's forgiveness, *1John 1:9*.

Through reading God's Word, prayer, Christian fellowship, sharing Jesus with others and believing God's promises, we grow stronger in the Lord and progress along the path to full maturity.

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Study Three: How to be Sure

When you become a Christian, you were transferred from the kingdom of darkness (presided over by satan), to the Kingdom of God (presided over by Jesus),...see *Colossians 1:13*. As a result of this, satan, your former master has become your greatest enemy and will do all he can to stop you living for God. One of his first attacks will be to make you doubt that you are really a Christian.

Some people will accuse you of pride and presumption, if you tell them you know for certain you are a child of God and will go to heaven. This is largely because they do not understand what a Christian is. The New Testament however leads us to a sense of deep confidence and assurance that we truly belong to God.

Faith in God's Word is what overcomes doubt and the lies of satan. How did Jesus overcome satan's temptations?

Matthew 4:4,7,10 _____

When we **believe God's Word and speak it out**, the power of God and His Word is released for us as it was for Jesus. *Mark 11:23* says

God has begun a good work in you. What does He promise to do? *Phil 1:6* _____

What three wonderful blessings do we receive when we hear (in faith) the words of Jesus, and believe in God the Father who sent Him?

John 5:24 _____

In these three verses of Scripture, what is the gift from God that He wants us to know we have received? *1John 5:11-13* _____

Why does the Word tell us to hold fast to the confession of our faith or hope without wavering? *Hebrews 10:23*. _____

Some men are liars. What is God's guarantee? *Numbers 23:19,20*

Complete the following verse: *John 6:37* "He who comes to Me _____"

What is the will of the Father who sent Jesus? *John 6:40* _____

Who are able to come to Jesus? *John 6:44* _____

Who gives us as a gift to Jesus? *John 10:29* _____

Who holds us secure in His hand? *John 10:29* _____

Who hear the voice of the Saviour? *John 10:27* _____

Water baptism is an important step in receiving full assurance of salvation. (More on that later – study 5)

In response to Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost, *Acts 2:14-41*, many were saved. How soon after they were saved were they baptised? *v41* _____

The Philippian gaoler and his family were saved, *Acts 16:31-33*.

How soon were they baptised? _____

Why is baptism so powerful and important? *Gal 3:27* _____

Also baptism with the Holy Spirit increases our assurance of being saved in a powerful way. (More on that later – study 6)

What three things does the Holy Spirit bring into our lives? *2Timothy 1:6,7* _____

How is the baptism with the Holy Spirit expressed in strong assurance through our lives? *Acts 10:44-46* _____

Another thing that increases our certainty of being saved is **telling our friends what Christ has done for us**. *Acts 1:5-8*;

Philemon 6(NIV).

Why does God baptise us with the Holy Spirit and with His power? *Acts 1:5,8* _____

What was the attitude of the believers in the early church?

Acts 8:4,5,8 _____

Christian fellowship is a strong encouragement to our faith. We need it as frequently as possible. How does meeting with other believers increase our assurance of being saved? *1John 3:14*

What new gift does God pour into our hearts that increases our certainty? *Romans 5:5* _____

How has God shown His love for us? *Romans 5:8* _____

A growing love for other Christians is a good indication that we are really born again and in the family of God.

To encourage us, **Jesus has put the communion service at the centre of church life**. *1Corinthians 11:23-25*

When we take communion, what are we proclaiming?

1Corinthians 11:26 _____