

CHAPTER 2

Being Sure You Are A Christian

“How To Know For Sure You’re Going To Heaven”

Are you sure you are a Christian? Have you ever had any doubts? If you’ve had doubts, you are normal! One of the enemy’s first tricks is to try to make you doubt that you are a Christian. He will try to plant thoughts in your mind to make you think or feel as though you are not really a sincere Christian. One day you may really *think* you are a born-again Christian and the next day you may not, so you can see that your “thinking” is not a good judge to go by. The enemy may also try to make you feel as if you are not saved. One day you may really *feel* like a Christian. You may feel really happy or maybe you cried tears as you responded to an altar call one day, but the next day you may feel as if you are not saved and not in God’s presence. So, your “feelings” are not a good judge to go by either. Do you get the idea?

Have you ever had any doubts about being a Christian? _____

What did you do to combat those doubts? _____

How do you know that you are truly a born-again Christian? How do you know that you will live forever with God in heaven when you die? How do you come against the enemy when he works against your mind and feelings? The first thing you need to know is that your being a Christian or your salvation is based on the fact of what God has said in His Word, not on your brain’s thoughts or emotional feelings.

You must go by the facts, not feelings or thoughts! Facts do not change. What are the facts? God’s Word contains the unchanging facts. God’s Word, the Bible, is the only authority for your Christian life. God knows every fact; His Word contains the facts. We do not depend upon feelings or emotions to be Christians, born again or saved; we are Christians, born again and saved by placing our trust, or our faith, in God and His Word. Let’s take a “test” to remind ourselves that we are truly Christians. We are born again. We are saved.

A. TAKE THE “I KNOW I AM A CHRISTIAN” TEST

1. Facts

Does the Bible or Bible facts ever change? _____

2. Feelings

Do our feelings ever change? _____

What determines how we feel? _____

3. Faith

What happens if our faith or our trust is in our feelings? _____

What happens if our faith or trust is in the fact of God's Word? _____



MY STORY: *One of the best stories I have ever heard to describe the difference between fact, faith and feelings is about a train. Imagine three train cars...an engine we call "Fact", a caboose we call "Feelings", and a middle car we call "Faith". In order for the train to run down the track, the engine must pull it, right? Don't you think it would be impossible to pull the train by the caboose? In the same way, our Christian life is pulled down the track when we place our faith in the facts of God's Word. We don't pull our Christian life down the track by the caboose by placing our faith in our feelings. Some days our feelings will be up and some days our feelings will be down, so it is not a good idea to let the caboose of feelings direct our lives! We need to just choose to put our faith in the facts of God's Word and our lives will stay on track!*

B. WHAT ARE THE FACTS WE BELIEVE?

1. 1 John 5:11-13

How do you know that you have eternal life? _____

2. John 1:12

How do you know you became a child of God? _____

3. Colossians 1:14

What do you know you have received for your sins? _____

4. 2 Corinthians 5:17

What have you become as a Christian? _____

What has happened to the old you? _____

5. Romans 8:16

Who speaks to our hearts to tell us that we are God's children? _____

6. Hebrews 13:5

What do you know that Jesus Christ will never do? _____

C. JUST DO IT - TAKE ACTION



Now it's time to just do it! Let's take action on what we have studied.

Are you sure that you are a Christian? _____

How do you know you are a Christian - on what authority do you base your certainty?

On the inside cover of your Bible (or somewhere you can keep a permanent record), write down the date and the time you received Jesus as your Lord. You may have to guess on the date and time if it was a long time ago. (You can ask your mom or dad if they remember the time you first invited Jesus to be your Lord.) Whenever the enemy tries to confuse you or discourage you with doubts about being a Christian, born again or saved, just tell him the date and time you invited Jesus Christ to be your Lord.

Once again, let's write down this important information! If you need a reminder, just look back at the end of Chapter 1.

The Date I Became A Christian By Asking Jesus Into My Heart: _____

The Location and Time: _____

Who Was With Me: _____

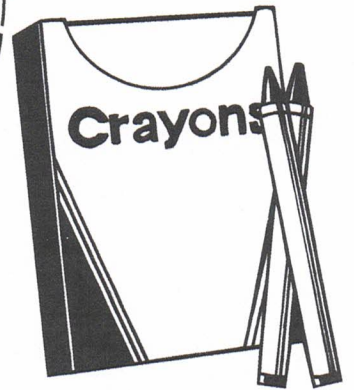
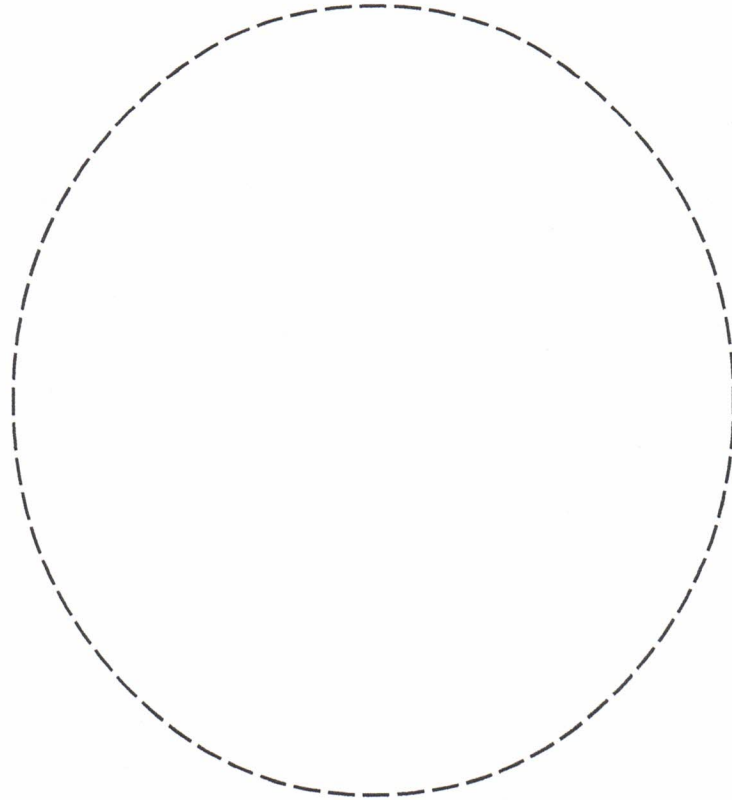


MY PERSONAL WALK WITH GOD

Pages You Can Personalize!

I Know I Am A Christian Because...

...God's Word tells me so...
Draw a picture of your Bible



...I like to pray and talk to God...
Draw a picture of you praying

