

Bible Study #2

FAITH AND ASSURANCE

Begin memorizing 1 John 5:12-13

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Hebrews 6:18-19 – So God has given us both His promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to Him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to His promise with confidence. This confidence is like a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain of heaven into God's inner sanctuary.” (New Living Translation)

it is a comfort to know that God intends for us to be sure of our salvation. he simply wants us to have faith, trust Him and believe h 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 means to have the evidence and proof to know for certain that something is true.
FAITHFULNESS refers to the character of someone who has shown he is trustworthy and can be relied upon to keep his word.

1. How is God described regarding His promise?
Hebrews 10:23 He who has promised is faithful. God is faithful to keep His promises.
2. If we don't believe or have faith, what happens to God's faithfulness?
II Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless He remains faithful.
3. What does God promise us?
1 John 2:25 Eternal life.
Titus 1:2 Eternal life.
4. How do we obtain or inherit the promises of God for ourselves?
Hebrews 6:12 Through faith and patience.

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

5. What pleases God?
Hebrews 11:5-6 Being faithful.
6. Where do we get our faith?
Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. We get our faith from the scripture.

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 and destroy our faith. We should not put our trust in feelings that will change.

7. Who or what should we trust in that never changes?
1 Peter 1:24-25 The word of the Lord. God's word- scripture.
Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ.

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 one thing He has promised NOT to do?
John 6:37 He will not cast us out if we come to Him.
9. What can separate us from the love God has for us?
Romans 8:38-39 Nothing can separate us from his Love.

10. When we yield to God's Spirit and let Him lead us, who does the Bible say we are?
Romans 8:14 Sons of God.
11. We are told to love one another. What does the Bible say about those who have God's love?
1 John 3:14 Those that have God's love love others.
12. Because God (our Father) disciplines us when we go against His will, what does that tell us about our relationship with Him?
Hebrews 12:5-8 Because God disciplines us we can know that we are God's children.
13. How can we be sure that we know God?
1 John 2:3 If we keep His commandments.
14. If we have Jesus in our hearts and believe in Him, what do we have?
John 3:16 Eternal life.

1 John 5:12 Eternal life
15. Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. How do we know we are his sheep?
John 10:27 If we hear His voice. His sheep hear his voice.
16. Are you one of his sheep? (yes or no question)
How do you know for sure?

We can know that we are His sheep by whether or not we hear His voice, as in John 10:27. As a new believer it can be difficult to know if we are hearing God's voice because He often doesn't talk to us in an audible sense that we are used to. This is an area that those that have been saved for a long time still can struggle with. We can know though, that if we have accepted Jesus to be our savior we have heard God's voice. No one comes to the father unless the Father draws them – John 6:44. So when you were first saved, you heard the voice of God, so you can have assurance that you are one of God's sheep.

For more about Faith, read Hebrews 11:1-40

From memory, write out your memory verse from the beginning of the Bible study.

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