

Faith and Assurance

[NEW BELIEVER'S] Bible Study

Study 2

In the first lesson, we learned about sin and the separation it causes between us and God. We also learned what Jesus, God's Son, did to free us from that sin.

It is wonderful to know that Jesus died for our sins and that we now have a relationship with God. Sometimes, however, it can be difficult to remember those things because they don't feel tangible—we can't see, touch, feel, taste, or hear them.

Well, God wants us to know that when we turn to Him, He really is there. He simply wants us to have faith, trusting Him and believing He will do everything He said. The Bible tells us in the book of Hebrews:

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. (Hebrews 6:18–19)

That is the focus of this Bible study. In this lesson, you should learn:

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

Begin memorizing 1 John 5:12–13.

SO WHOEVER HAS GOD'S SON HAS LIFE; WHOEVER DOES NOT HAVE HIS SON DOES NOT HAVE LIFE. I WRITE THIS TO YOU WHO BELIEVE IN THE SON OF GOD, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Make sure that you pray before you start! Also, remember to answer the questions briefly and in your own words.

Let's begin by looking at the definitions of two important 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 promises.

1. What does God promise us?

(1 John 2:25) _____

(Titus 1:2) _____

2. How is God described regarding His promise? (Hebrews 10:23) _____

3. If we don't believe or have faith, what happens to God's faithfulness? (2 Timothy 2:13) _____

Now that we know what God has promised—and that He can be trusted—our response should be to put our trust, or faith, in Him. Faith is the key that opens the treasure chest of God’s promises.

4. What pleases God? (Hebrews 11:6) _____

5. Where do we get our faith? (Romans 10:17) _____

Something we should remember is that 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—the opposite of faith—in our minds to try to destroy our faith.

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

(1 Peter 1:24–25) _____

(Hebrews 13:8) _____

While our feelings come and go, we can make sure our faith is 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.

7. What is the one thing Jesus has promised *not* to do when we come to Him? (John 6:37)

8. What can separate us from the love God has for us? (Romans 8:38–39) _____

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

(1 John 4:7–8) _____

10. 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) _____

11. How can we be sure that we know God? (1 John 2:3–5) _____

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

(John 3:16) _____

(1 John 5:12) _____

13. Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. How do we know we are His sheep? (John 10:27–29)

14. Are you one of His sheep? _____

How do you know for sure? _____

For more about faith, and how God blessed those who put their faith in Him, read Hebrews 11.

Write out your memory verse below:

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