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Before you can actually grow in a relationship with another person you must first meet them. When a student puts their faith and trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ, the relationship begins. But for many who make that decision, doubt creeps in. Questions arise like: Am I really saved? Was my faith genuine? I just sinned again, was my decision real? Satan has a field day whispering doubts into our minds and hearts. If you believed and received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Bible says you are born again, saved, a new creature, forgiven, a forever child of God. From the Lord's perspective you have "eternal security" and if we will believe His promises we can have an "assurance of our salvation." But if we question His word or allow our feelings or doubts to control us, we will struggle to grow in a relationship with someone we aren't even sure we know! Study these verses, answer these questions. Get real with God and yourself. Take Him at His word—now and forever!

Before we look at the promises of God regarding salvation it is important to go over the decision you made to receive Christ. Present the gospel (bridge) and explain the decision you made as you go through the major points.

The Scripture is clear about the fact that once a person becomes a Christian, the salvation of the believer is secure. Our faith rests not on the feelings of man but on the facts found in the Bible. Assurance of our salvation is a feeling. Security of the believer is a fact. We are secure whether we feel safe or not.

However, many Christians today struggle with being assured of their salvation. We want to look at the fact of the security of the believer.

Discussion Questions

How do you know you are a Christian?

If you were to die right now, how sure are you that you would go to heaven?

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Secure in God's Hand – John 10:25-30

Who has Eternal Life? – 1 John 5:11-13

What is Eternal Life? – John 17:3

Nothing can separate us from God's Love – Romans 8:31-39

Made Alive in Christ – Ephesians 2:1-10

Spirit's Role – Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:5-17 (focus on vss. 14, 16) xref - Gal 5:16-24

Practicing Righteousness Proves Salvation – 1 John 2:28-29

As a result of this lesson: If you were to die right now, how sure are you that you would go to heaven? Why?

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Suggested Memory Verse: 1 John 5:11-13

DO NOT DEPEND UPON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible — not our feelings — is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the relationship between **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feeling** (the result of our faith and obedience) (John 14:21).



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, we, as Christians, do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

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