

ASSURANCE

HOW DO I GET IT? Part I of II

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16

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How do I get assurance?

1. It begins with a spiritual birth.

*Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again"...."Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."
John 3:3, 7*

2. Faith must be fed.

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:16-17

0 (weak) – 5 (strong)

- a. personal devotions _____
- b. church attendance _____
- c. adult class/Bible Study _____
- d. radio/books/ tapes/CDs _____

3. Obedience

This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. I John 5:2

- a. speech - James 1:26
- b. attitude – James 5:9
- c. actions – James 2:17

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HOW CAN I KNOW? Part II of II

I John 5:9-13

We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. I John 5:9

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Four evidences that Christ is in my life:

1. _____ of sin.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

2. Passion for _____.

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

3. A _____ life.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:26-27

4. The _____ of the Spirit inside me.

Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart...And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I John 5:10-12