

GOD'S NEW LIFE FOR HIS CHILDREN

1 John 5:11-13 John 10:10 Romans 10:9-10

Introduction: We know that anything that we do with confidence and joy is always easier and more enjoyable, no matter what it might be. The same is true with sharing our knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Witnessing with joy and confidence hinges upon the assurance and joy that WE have in our own life in the Lord. The salvation experience is the FOUNDATION for growth and fulfillment in spiritual areas. So, how do we gain this assurance and joy? **1 John 5:11-13** tells us how one can know for sure about his/her salvation, as also described in **Romans 10:9-10**. **John 10:10** tells us of an inner peace that comes from KNOWING for sure.

I. HOW DOES ONE RECEIVE NEW LIFE?

1. There are many "man-made" solutions and answers to "how" to receive the new life, but there is only ONE and it is God's way.
 - Grace, not works is the key, is God's way.
 - God's riches at Christ's expense.
 - Sin separates man from God but forgiveness and eternal life are found only in Jesus.
 - The cross is where God's grace is revealed and all who look only to the cross find the new life.
2. One must repent of his/her sins (**Acts 3:19**).
 - There must be a sincere turning away from sin and a turning to Jesus. A "U" turn in one's life's behavior.
3. One must place his/her faith in Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 2:8; James 2:19**).
 - There must be more than just acknowledging the facts.
 - Real faith is being persuaded, it involves action.
 - Knowing about Jesus is not saving, real faith. Trusting Jesus is.
4. One must let Jesus be the Lord He is in his/her life. (**Romans 10:9-10**).
 - Words must have action (**Matthew 7:21**).
 - It is letting Jesus control the rest of one's life.
 - It is asking one's self in every situation, "**...what would Jesus do?**" and then do it.

II. RESULTS OF RECEIVING THE NEW LIFE:

1. The forgiveness of sin (**1 John 2:12**).
 - Jesus has taken care of the believer's sin.
 - There is no need to worry about one's sins any longer.
2. One becomes a member in God's Family (**John 1:12**).
 - Everyone comes into God's family the same way.
 - God's family is loving, caring and sharing, like no other family on earth.

3. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer.
 - Jesus prayed that the Holy Spirit would indwell every believer (*John 14:16-17*).
 - At the moment of belief/salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells the believer for all his/her earthly life.
4. Victory over temptation and sin now happens.
 - Without the Holy Spirit indwelling, there is just no way to be winners over sin.
 - There is really no cause for the indwelt believer to ever sin again (*1 Corinthians 10:13*).
 - The presence of the Holy Spirit enables the believer to win over sin.
5. There is a home in heaven with Jesus for all eternity.'
 - Jesus left earth with the purpose of preparing a place for His Church (*John 14:3*).
 - Every believer is assured of his/her home in heaven with Jesus.

III. THE NEW LIFE BRINGS CHANGES

1. A new direction in life is given.
 - Before being saved there was really no choice in the worldly lifestyle, but salvation brings new life and new direction with the ability to go the new way. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)
2. New growth begins. (*Luke 12:27*) The new life within the believer is called "Spiritual Life."
 - As with the physical life, the new life must also be fed, nourished.
 - (*Colossians 2:6-7*) teaches that there are no substitutes to be had for the new life. All nourishment must come from God.

CONCLUSION:

1. Do you have assurance and joy in your life as a believer/Christian?
2. God's New Life must be lived His way. Are you letting God control you life?
3. Assurance and joy is God's way for all His Children. Let the Holy Spirit who dwells within you have control and you will begin to experience the assurance and joy God wants you to have.