

[NEW BELIEVER'S]

## Bible Study #5

# FAITH & ASSURANCE

Begin memorizing 1 John 5:12–13.

HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE; HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE LIFE. THESE THINGS I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU WHO BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE . . .

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:

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil. -- Hebrews 6:17–19

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.

**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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(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 or we may not feel

like loving God. 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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:

---

---

---

---

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, New King James Version,  
copyright © 1982.

Revised 05/27/08