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## Now That You Have Received Christ

### How to Know That Christ Is in Your Life

Did you receive Christ into your life by sincerely praying the suggested prayer? According to His promise in **Revelation 3:20**, where is Christ right now in relation to you? Christ said that He would come into your life. Would He mislead you? On what authority do you know that God has answered your prayer? (The trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word.)

### The Bible Promises Eternal Life

"The witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the 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, in order that you may **know** that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:11-13).

Thank God often that Christ is in your life and that He will never leave you (**Hebrews 13:5**). You can know on the basis of His promise that Christ lives in you and that you have eternal life from the very moment you invite Him in. He will not deceive you.

*An important reminder...*

### Do Not Depend on 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 among **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 a caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, as Christians we do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

## Now That You Have Received Christ

The moment that you received Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

1. Christ came into your life (**Revelation 3:20 ; Colossians 1:27**).
2. Your sins were forgiven (**Colossians 1:14**).
3. You became a child of God (**John 1:12**).
4. You received eternal life (**John 5:24**).
5. You began the great adventure for which God created you (**John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17 ; 1 Thessalonians 5:18**).

Can you think of anything more wonderful that could happen to you than receiving Christ? Would you like to thank God in prayer right now for what He has done for you? By thanking God, you demonstrate your faith.

*To enjoy your new life to the fullest...*

## Suggestions for Christian Growth

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus Christ. "The righteous man shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life, and to practice the following:

- G** *Go* to God in prayer daily (**John 15:7**).
- R** *Read* God's Word daily (**Acts 17:11**); begin with the Gospel of John.
- O** *Obey* God moment by moment (**John 14:21**).
- W** *Witness* for Christ by your life and words (**Matthew 4:19; John 15:8**).
- T** *Trust* God for every detail of your life (**1 Peter 5:7**).
- H** *Holy Spirit* - allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (**Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8**).

## Fellowship in a Good Church

God's Word instructs us not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). Several logs burn brightly together; but put one aside on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. So it is with your relationship with other Christians.

If you do not belong to a church, do not wait to be invited. Take the initiative; call the pastor of a nearby church where Christ is honored and His Word is preached. Start this week, and make plans to attend regularly.

## Additional Information

If you have prayed the prayer and have placed your faith in Christ and would like more information that will help you grow as a Christian. [Please click here.](#)

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