

Beginning Steps

A Growth Guide for New Believers

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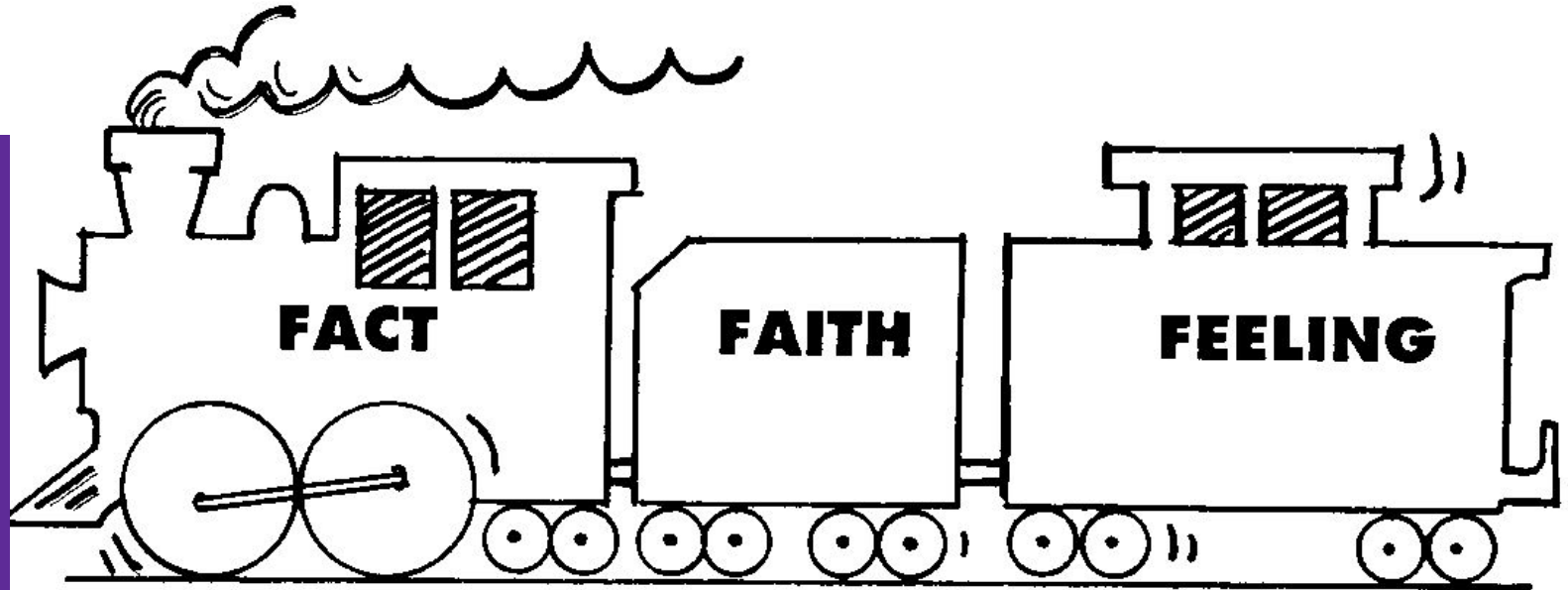
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1. Your Assurance Is Based on the Word of God. The Bible states in John 3:16 and 1 John 5:11-13 that God wants you to know that you have eternal life. Read the verses and underline them in your Bible.

2. Your Assurance Is Based on the Promises of God. What are the promises found in the following two verses? “That if you _____ (confess) with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and _____ (believe) in your heart that God raised him from the dead, _____”

(Romans 10:9). “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my _____ (word) and _____ (believes) him who sent me has _____ (eternal) _____ (life) and will not be _____ (judged)” (John 5:24)

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3. Your Assurance Is Based on the Character of God. A promise is only as reliable as the person who makes it. That is why the assurance of your salvation rests on God's character. What do these verses teach about His character?

“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is _____(faithful)” (1 Corinthians 1:9). “The one who calls you is _____(faithful) and he will do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is _____(faithful)” (Hebrews 10:23).

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The Bible teaches that God is faithful (reliable, steadfast, trustworthy and stable). You can believe the promises because you know the promissor. God, your loving Father, is absolutely faithful. Nothing will change His mind about your salvation. Nothing will separate you from His love. Your relationship to God through Jesus is secure.

What does God's word say about the security of our salvation? Read Romans 8:38-39.
"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come shall be able to separate me from the love of God"

Can any circumstance separate you from God?

4. Your Assurance Is Based on the Spirit of God.



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To Further assure you of your salvation, God has sent living, daily proof of your relationship. As an official seal is placed on a contract between two individuals to guarantee the contract's validity, so God has given a seal (guarantee) of His promise to you. • Read Ephesians 1:13-14. What is the seal given by God as a guarantee of His promise? (Holy Spirit of Promise)

“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is _____ (faithful)

The Holy Spirit at work within you is indisputable proof of your salvation. The Holy Spirit's work in your life will bring changes. Some changes will be gradual; some will be instant. The inward and outward changes that result are the final proof of your salvation.

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REVIEW

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and fill in the missing words.
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a _____(new) _____(creation); the old has _____(passed), the new has _____(become)!”
- What changes have you seen in your life since you committed it to Jesus Christ?

Therefore, your assurance is based on:

1. The _____ of God (Word)
2. The _____ of God (Promise)
3. The _____ of God (Character)
4. The _____ of God (Spirit)

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CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP.

