

How to be sure you're a Christian

Romans 8:12-17

Introduction:

- **There are 4 kinds of ticket holders**

Matthew 7:22-23 *Lord, Lord, did we not ... 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'*

1 John 3:7 *Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;*

10 *By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.*

Eph. 5:5 *For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

Jude 4 *For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Titus 1:16 *They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.*

#1. I have the _____ and _____ through the Holy Spirit to overcome _____ in my life

12 *So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

13 *for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

- **How can I cooperate with the Holy Spirit?**

1-Live _____

2-Live _____

3-Live _____

#2. I am _____ by the Holy Spirit

14 *For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

1st. The Holy Spirit leads through the _____

Col. 3:16 *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you,*

The Spirit of truth uses the _____ to _____ us

John 14:17 *... the Spirit of truth,*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.*

2nd. The Holy Spirit leads us through _____

Col. 3:16 *with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*

3rd. The Holy Spirit leads us _____ to _____

Col. 3:16 *singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God*

Eph. 5:19 *making melody with your heart to the Lord.*

#3. I have a _____ and _____ with God

15 *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"*

Gal. 4:5 & 6 *in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

#4. I have an inner _____ of _____ to God

16 *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

• **subjective evidence**

• **objective evidence: fruit, gifts and courage**

2 Tim. 1:7 *For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

#5. I have an increasing _____ upon the _____ of God

17a and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ

John 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

Ephesians 1:18-19 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

#6. I'm willing to endure _____ for God's glory to say _____ to Christ

17b if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

• **What are you doing to say thanks - that is eternal?**

• **Are you holding a _____ or _ ticket today?**

Conclusion:

1st -*For those who knew they were not Christians and those who thought they were Christians but now know they are not*

2nd -*For those who have been doubting but now want to be sure and those who know they are Christians but have not been submissive to the Holy Spirit*