

## Certainty in Christ

Dear Friends,

God doesn't want us to hope or wonder if we will one day be in heaven with Him. He wants us to know for sure.

**"For God so loved the world that He gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."** (John 3:16)

**"To all who receive Him, who believe in his name, He gave the right to become children of God."** (John 1:12)

Jesus comes to us and knocks on the door of our very own life and if we open the door in faith and ask him, he comes into our lives and he will not leave us.

**"Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone opens the door I will come into Him."** (Rev. 3:20)

**"I will not leave you or forsake you."** (Hebrews 13:5)

When you ask him to come into your life He does! When you ask him to forgive your sins, He does!

**"As far as the east is from the west so far has he removed our sins from us."** (Psalm 103)

Whenever you disobey God and ask him to forgive you, He will always forgive you.

**"If we confess our sins God is faithful to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** (I John 1: 9.)

**You do not need to ask him to come into your life but once. He says to those who believe in Him, "I am with you forever."** (Matthew 28:20)

You can know that one day you will be in heaven with him. Going to heaven isn't dependent on being good enough to deserve it- no one is good enough to deserve heaven. This is a gift to those who have accepted that Christ died for their sins.

**"God has given us eternal life and this life is in his son whoever has the son has life."** (I John 5:10-12)

When Christ comes into your life, it is his Holy Spirit that comes and gives you the ability to live the life he has planned for you and, as you learn to depend on upon His help you learn that Christ's Spirit in you is the key to enable you to live a life that pleases God. He intends that we depend upon Him for the strength we need, not upon ourselves.

**"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."** (Galatians 5:25.)

You have a great, large family of other brothers and sisters in Christ who will help you grow up in Him.

Just as all of us go through different physical growth stages you will go through different stages in your spiritual growth. It is important to have friends to whom you can go with your spiritual questions. There is no question, or doubt, or feeling that is silly or insignificant, or even unique. Others have experienced the same questions. It helps to have others who have "been there" to guide the way! You can always ask an older Christian any questions you have. They will be glad to help you.

**In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence!** (Ephesians 3:12)