

# Be Sure

## On Being Christian #1 – Pastor Gary Combs – 10/25/15 – 1 John 5:11-15

1 John 5:11-15 (ESV) <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

### How to be sure you are a Christian:

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Son.

John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Romans 6:23 (ESV) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.

Romans 10:9-11 (NLT) For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who believes in him will not be disappointed."

2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (NIV) Therefore we are always confident ... We live by faith, not by sight.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's promises.

John 6:40 (ESV) For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life...

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV) ... God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

John 10:27-30 (NLT) My sheep recognize my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. So no one can take them from me. The Father and I are one."

Romans 8:15-16 (GW) You haven't received the spirit of slaves that leads you into fear again. Instead, you have received the spirit of God's adopted children by which we call out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ God's will.

Psalms 37:4 (ESV) Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV) And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Hebrews 10:15-17 (ESV) ... I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."