

Being Faithful in an *Un*Faithful World!

Are you **part** of the Family?

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Good News

1 John 5:11-13 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Romans 10:9-10 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.

6 Proofs of the Life-Change of Christ

1. A *new awareness* of right and wrong in your life.

John 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

Romans 7:18a And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

2. A *hunger* for God's Word

Job 23:12 I have not departed from his commands, but have treasured his words more than daily food.

Jeremiah 15:16 When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies.

3. A *desire* for a changed life

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

4. The *testing* of your faith

Luke 6:22 What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

5. A *genuine love* for other Christians

1 John 4:7-8 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

6. A *passion* to tell others about Jesus

Psalm 107:2 Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.

1 Peter 3:15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

Jesus Invites you...

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

Romans 10:13