



Is er meer tussen hemel en tentamen?

Cursus aantekeningen

Week 3

// Hoe kan ik zeker zijn van mijn geloof?

Introduction

'... those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old is gone. A new life has begun!' (2 Corinthians 5:17, New Living Translation)

But experiences vary ... some immediately know the difference ... for others it is more gradual

- When we received Christ, we became a child of God (John 1:12)
- God wants us to be sure
 - 'I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life' (1 John 5:13)

The word of God

We must not only trust our feelings, which can be changeable and may even be deceptive at times, but instead rely on God's promises

Promises:

- 'I will come in' (Revelation 3:20)
- 'I am with you always' (Matthew 28:20)
- 'I give them eternal life' (John 10:28)

Resurrection:

Evidence that the cross really worked. And also assures us that:

- Past – the slate can be wiped clean
- Present – a relationship with Jesus is possible
- Future – there is life beyond the grave

The work of Jesus

We cannot earn God's forgiveness, but Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be reconciled to God

- Gift of God (Romans 6:23)
- He took our sins upon himself (Isaiah 53:6; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

The witness of the Spirit

We receive the gift of his Spirit by repentance and faith

1. He transforms us from within

- Our characters (Galatians 5:22, 23)
- Our relationships

2. He brings a deep, personal conviction that I am God's child
- (Romans 8:15, 16)

Conclusion

We know when we are in a relationship with God because:

- of the promises of God
- of Jesus' death and resurrection for us
- the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit

Recommended reading

Run Baby Run

Nicky Cruz

Hodder & Stoughton

ISBN 978034861967

The Cross & the Switchblade

David Wilkerson

Harper Collins

ISBN 9780310248293

The Hiding Place

Corrie ten Boom

Hodder & Stoughton

ISBN 9780340863534