

wants to get back into God's fellowship instantly.

B. Willingness to confess to the people which he has injured. Christians like to make wrong right. Not I will be kind tomorrow but I will right this wrong today.

C. Willingness to confess sins to God. A Christian feels that he needs to quite his sin and to confess it to God.

The story of Old Born Drunk. The person known as Angel Adjutant - He sold bedding news in factories, he was child of drunk parents, he was conceived and born while parents were mad with drink. Taught to drink as a child. One day Angel Adjutant looked him up. You don't look happy. No response. Second time I would like to help you, I love Jesus and Jesus loves you. He found out where he lived, went and found that his wife was a great drinker and that they had a son who had been kept away from drink. He plead with the two to go with him to a religious meeting. At this meeting a man called Joe was giving a testimony. Old Born Drunk knew Joe, his heart was so moved that he got on his knees and called out "O Jesus I would like to be like Joe". They turning and looking to his wife, "Do you think that I could ever be like Joe?" The Angel Adjutant came near and said Jesus can make you like Joe. Then I'll take him and he was changed. He was tempted, his old friends said take a drink with us and when he refused they threw a glass of beer into his face. If you won't take it inside take it outside. But Old Born Drunk went on with a smile and said I ~~will~~ will any without fear. Christ will drive away your doubts and you will know that you are a Christian.

HOW MAY I KNOW I AM A CHRISTIAN?

I John 5:13

Introduction: A man may be a great sinner but he has a great saviour. The emphasis here is on the word has. God's word is complete and leaves none in doubt. And he meant that you should know whether or not you are a Christian. A man ask a Christian once "Are you a Christian?" He said I hope so, can you know more than that? What would you like for me to say? "I would have you say that you know you are a Christian. I think that would be presumptuous. I cannot be certain until I see God face to face. It is not presumptuous but a lack of faith to know anything less. If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ are you willing to be made willing?"

I. WHAT THINGS WERE WRITTEN

The parables, the miracles and every word in this book has been written so that you might know. The account of Nichodemus, the account of the man at the well who said come and see a man who told me all things., the blind man said now I see. The cross, it is finished.

II. LACK OF ASSURANCE OR DOUBT

This condition causes hindrances to spiritual joy and dishonors God. It cripples our witness for Christ. To think that we have to always be regaying people, The gospel of John was written to prove the deity of Jesus. Now the epistles of John were written that we might know that we have passed from death into life.

Assurance is stated clearly.

Doubt - disturbing

Do not encourage your doubts. Maybe some members of your family are skeptics and you need not to be a skeptic. And if you close your eyes to this epistle then no wonder you are in doubt. Doubt is disturbing especially if you accept God's word. And you cannot have constant victory. Now no life is easy. A musician has his trials, leaders have struggles but you will have no victory if you doubt God's word. If you lack assurance you may be on the mountain top today and in the valley tomorrow, first hot and then cold. These doubts are evidence in many ways and one that comes to mind is the way our praying is carried on sometime. We say and save us at last. (John 5:24) That is unscriptural. Salvation is not a matter of slow progress of stopping once again today and stopping another tomorrow and cleaning up outside. A man sags because there is something wrong within. A man steals because he has his heart and life is not right. A man mistreats folks because his inward condition is not right. When Sam Hadley walked into the mission drunk and knelt down and ask God's forgiveness, he rose up a Christian man. So let us not say and save us at last. An orphan girl asked how she knew she was saved replied, He says it and that enough for me. An infidel for 50 years said he decided to read the New Testament 10 minutes each day honestly studying it. At the end of 3 days he was converted.

III. YOU MAY KNOW YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN

1. By the confidence you have in Christ and in God's Word. I John 4:15 I John 5:1 Determine whether you have confessed Him as the son of God. In the book Twice Born Men there is a chapter on the Lowest of the Low. The man's mother was a drunkard, his father was dead. He was made to taste of gin before he could walk. As a little boy he was on the streets of London, he was a thief, he was all that was bad. Young warhood soldier in the British army broke the laws of the army and was sentenced to prison. Served a term and was discharged in disgrace. Drifted into lowest

depths of iniquity, finally could bear his burden no longer, came to the Salvation Army, heard hymns, listened to testimonies. Listened to a man on platform ask for poor lost men to turn to Jesus. One night later in the midst of the crowd a fallen man dropped to his knees, God be merciful to me and was changed. At once he sought his own mother. She had gone deeper in sin than ever. We have heard of the father seeking the prodigal son. Now the son seeks the prodigal mother. At last he found her and carried her over to his house. She was converted. What does it mean, God gave her another chance. If he could save that man he could save you.

2. By keeping His commandments and loving Him. I John 2:3

A. Follow Him

In His footprints, growing in His knowledge.

B. Go after the lost

John 1:16-17

Nothing strengthens faith like this of going through the crowd and trying to rescue the perishing. To win the fallen will give a radiance to your life. The story of a man crossing the mountains in a snow storm, stumbled and fell and said to himself this is the end. I shall never be found, too weak to rise but as he fell his hand struck the body of another man who had fallen in the same place. The first man was unconscious. The man who had just fallen got on his knees begin to rub his face until the man's eyes opened. He saved another life but also his for the exercise had kept the life in his own body.

C. IN GOD'S WILL. John 7:17

I John 3:9

"No one who is a child of God is habitually guilty of sin."

3. By YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN

- a. A Christian always desires a quick recovery from sin. If he finds himself sinning then he