

# Five Questions to Ask

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- Do I believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness and eternal life (John 3:16-18)?
  - “Go back to the beginning” of your faith.
  - Remind yourself of the trust you placed in God.
  - Reassure yourself that you are indeed a child of God.
- Do I know who God is (Lam 3:19-25)?
  - The Father - blessed, good, gracious, compassionate, merciful, patient
  - The Son - righteous, wise, self-existent and self-sufficient
  - The Holy Spirit - spirit, free, infinite, simplicity, united
  - One in Essence - sovereign, holy, just, love, eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, immutable, true
- Do I accept that what I believe is more real than how I feel (Psalm 13)?
  - We will face times of dejection and discouragement.
  - We may find ourselves asking God “Why?” or “How long?”
  - Our faith in God must outweigh our feelings.

- Am I living the Christian life by using God's spiritual resources?
  - Occupation with Christ (Heb 12:2; 1 John 5:1-3; Luke 10:27)
  - Knowledge of the Word (2 Pet 3:18)
  - Faith rest (1 Pet 5:7)
  - Confession/Fellowship (1 John 1:9)
  - Living by the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16)
  - Prayer (Col 4:2)
  - Ministry and Love (1 Peter 4:9-11; Eph 5:2)
- Am I watching for the good - the blessing - that God is working out in my life right now (Rom 8:28)?
  - Are you focusing on the negative (pity party) or are you counting your blessings?
  - Are you looking for temporal blessings or are you setting your mind on the things above?
  - Can you see the potential for blessing even in things that seem bad on the surface?
  - Example: Joseph was sold into slavery and yet was able to see the good in what had happened to him.