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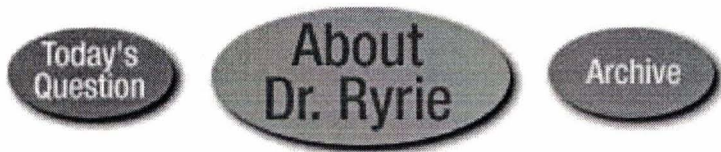


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Subject: How do I know I am a Christian?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: I am a new Christian, just recently baptized, and I always question whether or not I will go to heaven. It seems that Satan is always at my door, and it is so hard to push him away. I have done a lot of things I am not proud of, and I have asked Jesus to forgive my sins. I believe he has forgiven me, but I am not sure that He will continue to forgive me when I fail. I love Jesus, and He is number one in my life. Will I ever know that He has forgiven me? --Hanford

Dear Hanford: When Christ saved you, He forgave all your sins--past, present, and future. And of course He knows all our future, including the sins we will commit. Still He forgave us, knowing that. So, because you are a believer, you are assured a place in heaven. How can you be sure? Simply on the basis of God's promises (like John 5:24, 6:37, 39), and God never lies.



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