

Alpha Questions
Week 4
How Can I Have Faith?

1. So, what was the first thing you thought when Frank mentioned suddenly standing in front of Jesus and Him asking, **“Why should I let you into my heaven?”**
2. If you knew nothing about “religion” and you were asked to read **Ephesians 2:8-9(p.1079)**, what would you say the belief or foundation of that faith/religion is?
3. **2 Corinthians 5:17 (p.1068)**. Look it up and ask someone to read it. Go through each word getting a definition, especially of “become”.
4. (You have the **In Adam/In Christ cards** at your table) In light of **2 Corinthians 5:17**, how does this communicate what a Christian is and isn’t? Were **the cups** an effective visual? How so?

5. **Had you ever considered a thought such as this:**

According to the Bible, BECOMING a Christian has nothing to do with joining a church or being born into a denomination, signing a membership card, getting our bodies wet in a religious ceremony or attending meetings where Jesus’ name is mentioned. Not about turning over a NEW LEAF, but it is about God giving us a NEW LIFE...Not about making resolutions to change ourselves and hoping to do better. BECOMING a new creation on the inside is what Biblical Christianity is about. A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN!

Does this change your definition of Christianity? If so, how? If not, why not?

6. How compelling of an “argument” do **1 John 5:11-13 (p.1125)** and **John 10:27-30 (p.993)** for security and assurance make? Would it seem from these that God wants it to be clear that one can fully assured that they have or have not received eternal life?
7. (Open to **John 1:11-13 [p.981]** and go through the Scripture) According to the Bible, how does one become a Christian? Can you become something you already are?
8. Look at **John 3:1-8(p.983)** and the story of Nicodemus; ask someone to read the first 7 verses and encourage the table to compare the verse in **John 1:12** and being “born again” as well as what **2 Corinthians 5:17** says.
9. How did the analogy of the **wheel barrow** clarify the definition of faith/belief (believing IN vs believing ABOUT) as the Bible defines it? What, according to this diagram, is the difference is between believing **about** and believing **in** Jesus? Into what “**C**” category would you place yourself?
10. After hearing the talk tonight, would you say you have more or less assurance that if you were to die before you got home tonight, that you would be eternally at peace with God? Why? Why not?