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The whole of a person's life takes on real meaning and purpose when they receive Christ and enter into a relationship with the living God.

Look again at pictures B,C and D.

Picture B represents a person who has had no desire to get to know God. They live life without reference to God. They may be sad, lonely or depressed but prefer to carry on living as they are.

Picture C represents a person who has heard the message of the love of God, has recognised their need to take a decisive step toward Christ but as yet has not given their life to Christ. They have not yet made up their mind.

Picture D represents a person who has heard the message of the love of God, has recognised their need and has taken the decisive step of receiving Christ into their life.

Which of these three pictures (B, C or D) represents your life today? If you have not already received Christ personally, as in picture D, why not do it now?

If you wish to invite Christ to take control of your life, you can do it. God awaits your decision. See the prayer in **Section F**.

F First read over and think about the following prayer. If this prayer represents the deep desire of your heart, use it to pray and invite Christ to enter your life today.

**Lord Jesus:
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for dying on the cross for me.
I am truly sorry for my disobedience and my sin.
Please forgive me. I need you.
Today I receive you into my life as Lord and Saviour.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit and change me.
I give you all my life now that you may lead and guide it.
Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer.**

G This is what Christ promises to a person who receives him as Lord of their life:

1. You have become a child of God. (John 1:12)
2. You will begin to enjoy real life. You will live the full life God has planned for you. (John 10:10)
3. You will never be left alone. (Heb. 13:5)
4. You have been forgiven. (Col. 1:14)
5. You will enjoy a sure place in heaven. (Eph. 2:8)
6. You can count on God's presence now and forever. (Matt. 28:20)
7. Jesus has entered into your life and now wants to own the whole of your life. (Rev. 3:20)

H FAITH AND FEELINGS

And what if you don't feel different? Does that mean that Christ has not really entered your life?

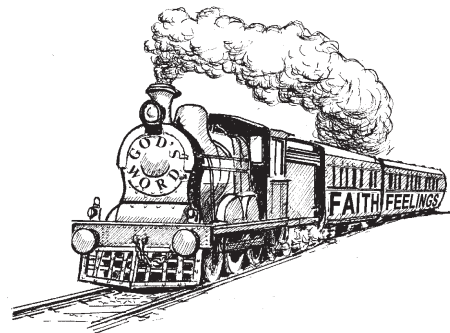
The truth is that many who receive Christ do not feel any great emotions at first. The Bible never leads us to trust our feelings. Rather it teaches us to place our faith in what God says in his Word, the Bible.

The important question is not so much "What do I feel?" but:

- "In whom have I placed my trust?"
- "Have I trusted in Christ and what he did for me?"

If so, it matters little what your feelings say,

CHRIST HAS ENTERED YOUR LIFE



Notice:

first the WORD OF GOD
followed by FAITH
and then come feelings.

I WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW...

1. PRAY TO GOD

Talk to God daily, throughout the day. (Luke 18:1)



2. READ THE BIBLE

The Bible is the Word of God and is our spiritual food. Feed on it daily. (Matt 4:4) Start with the Gospel of Mark.

3. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Being filled with God's Holy Spirit is as important as breathing. (Eph.5:18)

You need to walk filled with his love and power.

4. OBEY CHRIST

Jesus Christ has now become the King, Governor and owner of your whole life. He deserves all your love and obedience. (John 14:15)

5. SHARE WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

You need the teaching and correction of a Christian family (a Church). You should find a Church where you can become a member, as soon as possible. (Heb. 10:24-25)

6. WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH

Christ said, "*You are my witnesses*". (Acts 1:8) It is only Christians who can speak of God's love and plan to those who do not know Christ. You must ask God for the wisdom and boldness to speak to others of Christ and what he has done for you. (Luke 8:39)