

Sermon outline: How can I be sure that I'm a Christian?

John 5:24

What makes Christians doubt?

- 1. We don't properly understand the Gospel**
– e.g. 1 Thess. 4:13ff, 2 Thess. 2:2

- 2. Satan's work: he tempts and accuses you**
– Genesis 3, Luke 4, Zechariah 3:1-5

- 3. We struggle with sin**
 - the flesh – e.g. Romans 7:22-23
 - not seeking to grow – e.g. Hebrews 5:11-6:12
 - specific sins – e.g. Psalm 32:3-4

- 4. The Lord's loving discipline**
– e.g. Hebrews 12:6,10, 2 Chronicles 32:31

- 5. We are frail and weak**
– e.g. Ecclesiastes 12

2. You are saved by Jesus – and through faith in Him (not by feeling sure)