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3. To \_\_\_\_\_ if Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.

That Christ indwells the Christian is a wonderful thought, it was promised by Jesus himself. To know that He can, and we can know whether He does. Which is why we need to examine ourselves.

4. To \_\_\_\_\_ if we \_\_\_\_\_.

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