

## **“Heart-Felt” Religion**

In the course of meeting people, a few have asked if we believe in “heart-felt” religion. We do believe in it, but probably not the way it was meant in the queries that people raise. Although there is ambiguity in the question, the principle is similar in many denominations. Many believe that the living the gospel is nothing more than an ethereal, “pie-in-the-sky” feeling with little logical substance. Some perhaps to further and judge faith based on how strong a feeling of salvation one might experience.

Our faith is not based on mere feelings. Our faith is built upon a trust in facts as Jesus pointed out in John 5:31-47. Religion certainly comes from the heart, but there must be more. First Peter 3:15 says, “... and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you ...” A defense, which is a serious explanation or defense of our position. That means having reasons for why we believe, not just “I felt it.”

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