

# Assurance of Salvation

## 1. Have you ever repented of sin and dead works and turned to God, trusting the Lord Jesus for salvation?

“Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3).

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life” (John 3:36).

“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God (I John 5:1a).”

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9).

## 2. Do you have a desire to obey God’s word?

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

*I John 2:1-6*

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

*I John 5:2-3*

## 3. Do you have a love for Christians?

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

*I John 3:14*

## 4. Do you have the Holy Spirit in you?

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

**Q. "How can I tell if I have God’s Spirit living in me? "**

**a) He will urge you to witness for Christ.**

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

*I John 4:14-15*

**b) He constantly urges Believers to gain victory over sin.**

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

*I John 5:4-5*

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c) *He gives every Believer a hunger for God's word and the understanding of It.*

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man,  
the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:  
for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?  
even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God;  
that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth,  
but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:  
for they are foolishness unto him:  
neither can he know *them*,  
because they are spiritually discerned.

But he that is spiritual judgeth [*discerns / analyzes*] all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

I Corinthians 2:9-16:

d) *He works in every Believer to produce His fruit:*

**"The fruit of the Spirit is**  
love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering [patience / a slow fuse]  
gentleness, goodness, meekness,  
faith, temperance.  
Against such there is no law"  
(*Galatians 5:22-23*).

See also John 15:1-11

Do you experience the working of the Holy Spirit in your heart  
to bring out these characteristics of Jesus Christ in your daily living?

**Three things that will cause doubts about salvation:**

1. Not understanding what Christ has done for you
2. Failure to "add to your faith" – grow spiritually (see II Peter 1:5-11)
3. Unconfessed sin will make you lose the joy of your salvation and will result in God's spanking (see Psalm 51—especially vs. 12, Psalm 38, and Hebrews 12:5-15)