

Keeping It Simple! Part 2 I John 5 Saved and Secure—Birthmarks of Salvation!

First, we need complete CONFIDENCE that God's Word is Completely TRUSTWORTHY!

*¹¹ And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. ¹³ I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you **may know** you have eternal life.* I John 5:11-13

While this verse says we can KNOW we are saved it also implies we can have DOUBTS!

"John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'" Luke 7:20

It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT for All Believers to Have Assurance of their Salvation!

*Everyone who **believes that Jesus is the Christ** has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves His children, too.* I John 5:1

*¹² But to all who **believed Him and accepted Him**, He gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.* John 1:12-13

Is Salvation that Simple? Yes, it is Gloriously Simple and Simply Glorious!

Salvation involves two Simultaneous Steps **REPENT** (turning) **BELIEVE** (solid belief)

*And you will perish, too, unless you **repent** of your sins and turn to God.* Luke 13:3

*¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces **repentance leading to salvation**, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.* 2 Corinthians 7:10

*³⁰[Philippian Jailer] "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "**Believe** in the **Lord Jesus** and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.* Acts 16:30-31

*....how you **turned away** [repent] from idols to serve the living and true God [believe].* I Thessalonians 1:9

The Devil's Deceptions

Devil's Lie #1 Salvation is Simply Lots of Good Deeds to Outweigh Your Bad Deeds!

⁸ God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

*⁹ Salvation is **not** a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.* Ephesians 2:8-9

If we think we have to do good deeds, we will always wonder if we did enough good things?

Devil's Lie # 2 Okay, God does His Part and We Must do Our Part It's like two oars in a rowboat
one oar is works one oar is grace one oar = circle Problem = You don't go to Heaven in Rowboat

*⁶ And since it is through God's kindness, then it is **not by their good works**. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.* Romans 11:6

Devil's Lie #3 You got Plenty of Time No Rush

Devil's Lie #4 I'm Saved Because I had this "Experience" (Experiences vary ... some feel good moment)

Devil's Lies Unlimited.... My Parents are Christians so I must be.....

I'm a member of _____ church I've been baptized..... I give money to the church.....

Birthmarks of the True Believer “Know” = 40x in I John Reduce it down to 3 basic things

Birthmark #1 **LORDSHIP TEST**

And we can be sure that we know Him if we obey [keep--KJV] His commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey [keep--KJV] God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.

I John 2:3-4

You Mean I got to be perfect? **NO!!!** see I John 1:8, 10, 2:1

We are not saved by Keeping Commandments but if truly saved we have a desire to keep them!

Why do you call me LORD LORD and not do what I say!

Luke 6:46

Difference is before we got saved we ran to sin now we run from sin!

Birthmark #2 **FELLOWSHIP TEST**

*¹⁴ If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, **it proves** that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.*

I John 3:14

²⁰ If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? ²¹ And He has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

I John 4:20-21

You Will Want to be with Other Believers!

You are not saved by Loving others.....

You Love others because you are saved and have the Holy Spirit in you!

We should love What Jesus loves! If we love the HEAD we should also love the **BODY!**

Birthmark #3 **RELATIONSHIP TEST**

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I John 5:11-13

*For His Spirit joins with our spirit to **affirm** that we are God’s children.* Romans 8:16

Doesn’t matter what you did in the past if you are right now this minute

BELIEVING on the Lord Jesus Christ you are saved!

>Still having doubts? Doubts are the opposite of FAITH!

>Uh, oh I’ve been deceived! Make it sure NOW!

Greatest help I can give you is 1. Be In the Word 2. Stay In the Fellowship