

# How to Know that You Are Saved

## 1 John 5:12-13

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### INTRODUCTION:

- A. **1 John 5:12-13** - “He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life**, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”
- B. **ILLUSTRATION:** He is the son of a king.
- C. Why do some people doubt their salvation?
1. **Sin.** When they disobey God, they doubt their relationship to God.
  2. **False doctrine.** Some doubt because they believe the wrong things.
  3. **Ignorance.** Some doubt because they don't know God's Word.
  4. **Never saved.** Some doubt because they have never been saved.
  5. **Misunderstood the cross.** Some doubt because they have never really understood the true significance of the cross of Christ.
  6. **Misunderstood conversion.** Some doubt because they don't understand what they did in conversion. Some may not remember the day and time of their conversion. That does not mean you were not converted.
  7. **Psychological problems.** Some doubt because they don't have the mental ability to accept themselves . . . they doubt many things . . . maybe everything.
  8. **Etc.**
- D. **1 John 5:10-21** presents at least six reasons for assurance of salvation. The key word is “**know.**”
- 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.
- 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
- 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.
- 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
- 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- 16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to

death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen”

## **SIX REASONS HOW WE CAN KNOW WE ARE SAVED.**

1. **When you have Christ in you heart and life.**
2. **When you have the witness of the Word . . . the Bible.**
3. **When God answers your prayers.**
4. **When you understand the spiritual nature of the Bible.**
5. **When you want to keep His commandments.**
6. **When you love the brethren.**

### **A. You can know you are saved when you have Christ in your heart and life.**

1. **1 John 5:12** – “He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”
2. If you have a Savior . . . You have Salvation.
3. If you don't have a Savior . . . You don't have salvation.
4. When you do what the Bible tells you to do in order to have a Savior, then you have both a Savior and Salvation.

### **B. You can know you are saved when you have the witness of the Word . . . the Bible.**

1. **1 John 5:10-11** – “He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself . . . And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.”
2. The Bible is objective truth. When we do what it says, it bears witness with our witness that we are God's children and thereby have salvation.

### **C. You can know you are saved when God answers your prayers.**

1. **1 John 5:14-15** – “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him”
2. God does not hear the prayers of sinners, let alone answer them.
3. Answered prayer is a spiritual blessing reserved for the Father's children.  
Ephesians 1:3

**D. You can know that you are saved when you understand the spiritual nature of the Bible.**

1. **1 John 5:20** – “And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding . . .”
2. The unsaved do not understand the spiritual nature of the Bible.
3. People read its words, but not its meanings.  
**2 Corinthians 4:3-4** – “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

**E. You can know that you are saved when you want to keep His commandments.**

1. **1 John 5:18** – “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.”
2. The unsaved person does not want to try and please God. The saved person does.
3. The unsaved person is not trying to please God . . . the saved person is.

**F. You can know you are saved when you love the brethren.**

1. **1 John 3:14** – “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death”
2. **1 Peter 2:17** – “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood . . .”
3. How can you demonstrate your love for the brethren and overcome your doubts?
  - a. By attending services with them. **Hebrews 10:25** – “. . . Exhorting one another . . .”
  - b. By ministering to the brethren.
  - c. By praying with them and for them.
  - d. By fellowshiping with them.

**CONCLUSION:**

**A. Rewards of being reassured about your salvation.**

1. Your fear of being eternally lost is gone.
2. You will have confidence in Christian service.
3. You will pray boldly.
4. You will have confidence in talking to others about Christ
5. You will enjoy your Christianity more.
6. You will sleep a lot better at night.

**B. I like the statement made by Adam Clarke in his commentary on 1 John. “. . .**

**Faith lives only by LOVE, and love continues only by OBEDIENCE; he who BELIEVES loves, and he who LOVES obeys.”**

**C. 1 John 5:13** – “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of

the Son of God, **that you may know** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”

1. To reject that written assurance is to reject both the Word of God and the God of the Word.
2. God said it . . . Believe it and move forward, away from doubts, and in the direction of faithful service to God in deep appreciation for the salvation He has provided for you.
3. **God has a plan for you . . . Do you have any plans for Him?**

### **God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**