

HOW TO KNOW I'M SAVED By: Dr. Hal Webb

“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record God gave of His Son. And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the Son of God.” I John 5: 10-13.

The above great scripture is filled with precious truth. We will study it carefully to be sure of salvation. But first, why is it so many religious people do not know where they will spend eternity. **Some will never know because They Depend On Works** to save. The Bible clearly warns *“not of works, lest any man should boast”* Eph. 2: 9. Romans 3:20 warns *“by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified.”* Isaiah 64: 6 warns *“all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.”* By yourself, nothing you can do with your body will save your soul. Others **Substitute Some Action Of Their Body**. They join some church or get baptized. Others offer acts of reform and some listen for tongues. All ignoring the words of Jesus in John 3:3 when He said, *“Ye must be born again”*. Today **Many Never Deal With The Sin Question**. You cannot be saved without admitting you are lost. *“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”* Rom. 6:23. Until you confess your sin, accept the guilt, and accept the provision of God, you will not know you are saved. **Others Lack Faith In The Word Of God**. Don't base your faith on feelings or conduct but on the clear promises of God. What God has promised He will deliver. *“The gift of God is eternal life”*

Rom. 6:23. A sad few argue **We Cannot Know In This Life**. Paul wrote great encouragement to Timothy and us when he said, *“I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, against that day”* II Tim. 1:12. God certainly would not call a gift eternal if we could lose it somehow. No indeed, the salvation of your soul is something you can be sure about and to doubt it is to call God a liar. Now read carefully and let me show you how to be sure it has happened to you.

FIVE WAYS TO KNOW I AM SAVED:

(1). The Witness Of The Spirit: Notice I John 5:10 *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath a witness in himself.”* Paul said *“the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God”* Rom. 8:16. If you are truly born again you will truly sense the power of God's Spirit within. After confessing you are a sinner and repenting of your sin you then accept the gift of God. He saves your soul and the Holy Spirit moves into your life and you will know the difference. You will have a peace, and doubts will fly and you will have a whole new outlook on life. As you study the Word and get in a good church and begin the walk with God, you will sense the inward presence of the Holy Spirit. If you stray you will sense Him admonishing you and when you hurry to be right His joy will return to you. As you lie awake and meditate on the promises of God that inward peace is the presence of the Holy Spirit. The older you are in the Lord you will sense the peace and joy when your heart is right.

(2). The Word Of God: It is the promises of God that have stood the test of years that will give us clear assurance as to our salvation. We know God is not a liar and what He says will come to pass. Everything we know about the Bible shows His Word is dependable. In short

if God says it, that settles it. The creator of the universe will never lie. What He has written is settled in the blood of His own son. Read carefully I John 5:13 *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”* We can know that the written promises of God are true as they promise us life eternal. John 1:12 promises *“as many as receive Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”* Can't you see dear friend, it couldn't be more clear. Our deed and certificate to heaven is based on the Holy Writ of God's promises. Again *“He that heareth my Word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”* John 5:24. Hundreds of verses make the same great promises so just obey and trust the God who spoke them.

(3). A Love Toward The Brethren: Once again we see the value of the written Word of God. Now come on and think. *“We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren”* I John 3:14. When you put your faith in the finished work of Christ you will find yourself surrounded with the family of God. This will be a thrill and a blessing to you. People that you never knew before will become family and you will love being with them. John said *“Every one that loveth is born of God”* I John 4: 7. Who do you love to be with and whose company do you keep? The family of believers is eternal and we will dwell together forever. Praise God!

(4). A Desire To Obey God: Look for the word know in this next verse. *“And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that sayeth 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.” I John 2: 3-5. Do you have a desire to please God and serve Him? Do you follow His Word and are excited about pleasing Him? This gives clear evidence that you truly are a child of God. Walking the walk and talking the talk will be your purpose in living. The urge to please Him is clear evidence that you belong to Him.

(5). A Change In Life And Desires: II Cor. 5:17 testifies *“ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.”* Faith in Christ brings a change that all can see. There is a new family resemblance to the rest of the family of God. *“Everyone that doeth righteousness is born of Him”* I John 2:29. Now examine your life carefully. Since making your decision to be saved has your life changed? True believers will have a different purpose in life and a deep desire to please the Lord. As you look in the mirror of Gods Word your life will change and you and others will see it. The old bondage and slavery of sin will be gone and you will marvel at the change that is taking place. Your outlook on life will change and eternity will have a whole new meaning. Now restudy these five evidences of a true believer and rejoice as you spot them in your life. If you still have questions don't hesitate on asking God's man to help you and those of your friends that have settled the great truth of the security of a child of God.

**REST SECURE
IF YOU HAVE THESE EVIDENCES
YOU ARE HIS:**

Wrap yourself in the promises of God!

YOU ARE SAFE AND HIS FOREVER!