

## HOW CAN I KNOW I AM SAVED?

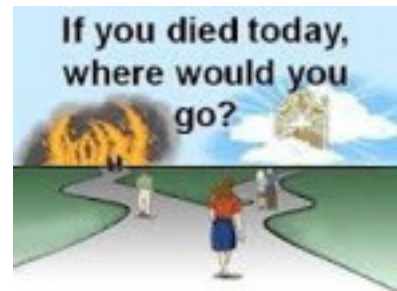
### TEXT:

**1 John 5:10 and 13:**

***10 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 that God gave of His Son.***

***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.***

How can I know that I am saved and on my way to Heaven? This question has baffled the minds of many church members and even some Christians who have been listening to the devil. God, in His Word, shows us clearly and plainly we can know for sure we are the children of the Lord. The Bible leaves no room for doubt that you are right with God. The Lord loves you and wants you to know beyond a shadow of doubt that you are His and He is yours.



**We know that we are alive physically, for there are certain evidences to prove it. There are also certain evidences to prove we are born-again spiritually by the Spirit of God. So, we can know we are born-again spiritually, for there are also certain sure evidences.** I would like to show you seven of them which are found in the **Book of 1 John** alone.

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The Lord Jesus caused John to realize there were a lot of people who needed this assurance of their Salvation, so He wrote the fact: **WE CAN KNOW** in **verse 13** of the opening text. If you have not noticed it, this word **know, known, and knoweth** are found no less than THIRTY EIGHT TIMES in this Book. This, being more times than any other book in the Bible, tells us the main reason why it was written.

There are only two books in the whole Bible where the author tells us exactly why he wrote them. The Apostle John is the author of both these books. The first reason he gives in **John 20:30-31**:

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***<sup>30</sup> And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this Book:***

***<sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye **might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have Life through His Name.*****

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I know that there are many of you who lack the assurance of your Salvation and really want to know for sure that you are saved. I want to bring first to your attention, one such person from the Bible, and then tell you several reasons why people lack the sureness and certainty of their Salvation.

We read in **Mark 10:17** of a fine young man who came running up to Jesus and reverently knelted before Him. The rich young ruler asked this question:

***Mark 10:17: And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, “Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit Eternal Life?”***



### **1. The Rich Young Ruler's 1st Mistake:**

He did not know Eternal Life is not inherited. Neither is it received by joining some church, or by Water Baptism, or by taking the Lord's Supper, or by reading prayer books, or reciting the Apostles Creed, or by counting beads, or going to the Holy Land, or by doing penance, or saying a catechism verse, or even holding right ideas about the Bible and Jesus.

**Eternal Life is a Gift of God and is given to those who trust wholly in the Blood of Jesus to cleanse them from all their sins. It is given by faith in Jesus' death on the Cross of Calvary. It is given only to saved people, who are born-again into the Kingdom of God.**

We gain entrance into this earthly life through a natural birth. We enter into the Kingdom of God by the spiritual birth. In our physical birth, we come alive when our spirit, given by God, enters into our bodies. So the new birth, the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts. That is why Jesus said:

***John 3:5: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.***

Until the Spirit of God enters our body, we are still dead in trespasses and sins.

***Ephesians 2:1: And you hath He quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins;***

How did Jesus deal with this clean-cut, anxious young man who seemed so dead in earnest about knowing for sure if he had Eternal Life? Jesus knew his heart and — like any true minister of the Gospel will do — got right to the root of his problem.

When a preacher accepts the divine call of the Lord, we have a responsibility placed upon us to preach the Word of God. We must meet the needs of the people and help them to find real Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, and this Salvation then brings pardon, and peace, and the assurance of Eternal Life.

Jesus brought out the Bible plumb-line of God's Holy Law and placed it up beside him. Jesus then said: If you will enter into Life, keep the Commandments.

And His quick answer: Which haven't I kept???

- Jesus said:**
- 1. Thou shalt not commit adultery***
  - 2. Thou shalt not kill***
  - 3. Thou shalt not bear false witness***
  - 4. Thou shalt not steal or defraud***
  - 5. Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother***
  - 6. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself***



(It's Strange!!! Jesus said nothing about the Sabbath day.)

Why did Jesus bring the Law into mind on this morally upright seeker?

**2. The Rich Young Ruler's #2 Mistake was not knowing:**

**No one can be saved and really know they are saved until . . . THEY KNOW THEY ARE LOST.**

Never forget it. The Law of God shows us where we have failed God, and shows our sinful nature. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins through the LAW, for:

***Jeremiah 17:9: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?***

***Proverbs 20:9: Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?***

**NOT ONE!!**

The Holy Spirit then turns us toward the Cross. When we realize we are lost and need a Saviour, He points us to Jesus.

There we see Jesus taking our place, bearing our sins in His Body on the Tree. He shed His precious Blood for the remission of our sins. The Bible said:

***Isaiah 53:6b: The Lord hath laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity [wickedness, sinfulness, immorality] of us all.***



If we should die without Christ, we are without hope in this world and in the world to come. So the Judge of the whole Universe, The Lord God Almighty, has provided a ransom in the Blood of His Only Begotten Son. Jesus paid the debt for us at Calvary's Cross.

### **3. The Rich Young Ruler's 3rd Mistake was Not Knowing:**

If we trust in His Sacrifice, we can have the forgiveness of all our sins and have Eternal Life. Then the Spirit of God will come into our bodies and make us alive spiritually. This is what is meant to be saved or born-again. There is no other way.

You cannot purchase Eternal Life by saying prayers, counting beads, going to church, or trying to live better, for that is not enough. **There is nothing that will take the place of the New Birth. Salvation is through Christ alone, and it is a free gift to whosoever believeth in Him.**

The Bible says:

**John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

**When do we get this Life?** The very moment we believe and receive Christ as our Saviour. By believing, you have Life through His Name.

**John 20:31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name.**

**What are we to believe?** That Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. For whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is BORN OF GOD.

**1 John 5:1: Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him [the Father] that begat loveth him [God's children] also, that is begotten [born-again] of Him.**

When you fully trust Jesus, there is no one on earth or in Hell that can stop Jesus from coming into your life, or you from knowing that He is in your heart.



Did you remember how this rich young ruler answered Jesus about keeping the commandments?

**Matthew 19:20: All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?**

He knew he was lacking something, for he did not have the assurance of his Salvation. He had put his faith in trying to keep the commandments in order to

be saved. But that wasn't working, and he knew it.

#### **4. The Rich Young Ruler's 4th Mistake Was Not Knowing:**

**The Commandments were not given to save us, but to show us the sin in our hearts from which that God wants to save us.**

Trying to keep these commandments with a sinful heart is like trying to patch up an old worn out inner tube. It is a hopeless task.



Our heart is incurably wicked and beyond repair.

### 5. The Rich Young Ruler's 5th Mistake Was Not Knowing:

We need a new heart and a new spirit. This is what the Gospel is all about. The Lord said:

***Ezekiel 36:26: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.***



### 6. The Rich Young Ruler's 6th Mistake Was Not Knowing:



When we get saved, then the burden of sin is lifted and we will feel happy and free. From the depths of your soul, you can say: ***I know I am saved, for I feel the release from the condemnation and heavy load of my past.***

If you were to have a 100 pound weight placed on your chest or breast, that weight would surely leave a distressing feeling. But when it is removed, then how would you feel, a release or lighter? When our guilt from sin is cancelled, we know that Christ has set us free.

***John 8:36: If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.***

This rich young ruler did not have this freedom from the heavy load of sin. He was still carrying it around with him, and we feel so sorry for him; for he tried to live well, to be kind, polite, courteous, and upright. There are a lot of church members in our land who are just like him, who are law-abiding and decent people to get along with, and I thank God for them. But they are not saved. The Bible says:

***Mark 10:21: Then Jesus beholding him loved him*** [the rich young ruler],

One thing I will say to his credit, the rich ruler at least came to the right Person with the right need, and got the right answer.

Jesus told him: ***One thing thou lackest***, that's all. It could be just one thing you, too, are lacking that is keeping you away from full assurance of your Salvation.

**Could you be lacking one of the following?**

1. Some do not have the assurance of Salvation because they are not wholly trusting Jesus to save them. They are trusting more in their good works, their church membership, in rituals, keeping commandments, confessions to some man, or even in some lodge.

None of these involve confessing sins to Jesus, nor do they involve repentance, forsaking one's old wicked life, or personally and fully trusting in the Crucified and Risen Jesus and receiving Him as one's only Saviour. Only this will bring the assurance of Salvation.

2. Others lack assurance of Salvation because they are trusting in Jesus **and** something else. They have turned to God at the death of a loved one, heard some sad story and shed a few crocodile tears, or got caught in sin and felt sorry they got caught. They are trusting only partly in Jesus, but mostly in themselves. They sing their little song:

***Jesus paid a little part,  
And I had a part you know,  
Sin had left a little stain  
And we washed it white as snow.***

No!! NO!! **It should be:**

***Jesus paid it ALL . . .  
ALL TO HIM I OWE.  
Sin had left the crimson stain,  
But He washed it white as snow."***

3. Others lack the assurance of Salvation because they are relying more on their feelings than on the witness of the Spirit of God. We are so sold on our feelings and bodily sensations — because we have lived with them most of the time — that we have come to depend much more on them than we should.

I've heard people say, 'I cannot feel saved.'

Did Paul say to the Philippian jailor, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt FEEL saved??" NO. He said,

***Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt BE saved, and thy house."***



If you owed a debt you couldn't pay, and a friend took care of it for you, if I should ask: "Do you feel your debt is paid?" What would you say? "I don't feel it." No! You would say: "I know it! I've got the receipt stamped 'Paid In Full', and I feel happy because I know it IS paid."



So it is with Jesus and you. **The devil had a mortgage on your soul;** Jesus paid the debt on Calvary.

**READ:**

**PURCHASED:**

***Acts 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His Own Blood.***

**DEBT CANCELLED**

***Matthew 18:27: Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.***

**REDEEM REDEMPTION**

***Galatians 3:13: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:***

***Galatians 4:5: To redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.***



**Titus 2:14: Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

**Revelation 5:9: And they sung a new song, saying, "Thou art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy Blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

**1 Peter 1:18: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;**

**Ephesians 1:7: In Whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace:**

**Ephesians 1:14: Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory.**

**Hebrews 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His Own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

## **BOUGHT**

**1 Corinthians 6:20: For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

**1 Corinthians 7:23: Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.**

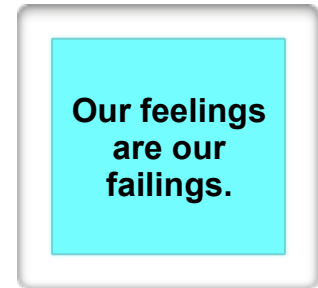
**2 Peter 2:1: But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

I know that Jesus paid my debt. I have the receipt, God's Word, marked 'Paid', and I feel happy because I know I have the evidence.

The foolishness of looking to ourselves more than to Jesus and His Word is this: If we left the Church and found we had four flat tires on our car, we wouldn't feel very

good. Then the devil would make us believe we had lost our Salvation. Our feelings are our failings.

There usually comes a feeling of peace, of joy, a sense of the heavy load lifted, and a new-found love for Christ when we get saved. We dare not rest all our faith in our feelings, though. Our feelings fluctuate. They come and go. God has given something more dependable than them. God has given something more dependable than happy feelings. For we have had happy feelings on other occasions that didn't have anything to do with our seeking God for Salvation. So you can see why a feeling cannot be the acid test of our Salvation.



I remember the incident of an anxious mother who was concerned over her son's Salvation.



She asked him: "Are you saved?"

"Yes, mother I am."

"How do you know it then?"

"Because God said so in His Word."

This really surprised her, and waiting a moment to fix her next question just right, asked:

"Where does He say it, Jim?"

***Romans 10:9: 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.***

I know of no better answer than trusting in God's Word.

In **Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, and Luke 21:33**, Jesus said:  
***Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.***

I want to ask you: Do you have fire insurance? Do you have an old-age Pension? Accident Insurance? Health Insurance? Life insurance? Why?

To give you assurance that if anything goes wrong, you are protected? Isn't that right? How do you know you are protected? Do you feel it? Yes, if you believe what is written on the papers.



**If you trust those papers, would it not be more wise to Trust what is written in the Word of God?**

4. Some other folks lack the assurance of Salvation because they have not come all the way clean with God, but are still holding on to some pet sin. The Bible says:

***Proverbs 28:13: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.***

5. There are others who lack the assurance of Salvation, for they are continually checking and probing their own life. If they discover any weakness or failure, their assurance is gone. The Bible clearly teaches that when we are first saved, we are babes in Christ, and there are baby traits which it clearly describes in:

***1 Corinthians 3:1-3:***

***<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.***

***<sup>2</sup> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.***

***<sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?***

***1 Corinthians 13:11: When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things***

6. The next reason why some people lack the assurance of Salvation is in an unreal belief, that one writer called "Superficial Believism". Many Christians ask a sinner: "Do you believe in Jesus?" "Yes", they will say. "Then you are saved," says the Christian worker who lacks a clear understanding of the Bible.

The Bible says in **James 2:19** that the devil *believes and trembles!*

***James 2:19: Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.***

Often demon-possessed people cried out:

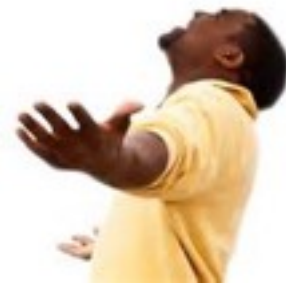
***Matthew 8:29: What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? art Thou come hither to torment us before the time?***

***Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34:  
I know Thee Who Thou art; the Holy One of God.***

These imps really believe in Jesus, but they are not saved. Real believing is in the heart, and it is accompanied with repenting of our sins and a God-given Faith.

***Ephesians 2:8-9:  
8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:  
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.***

In **Matthew 21:23**, **Acts 2:38**, **Acts 17:30**, and **Acts 20:21**, you will see that when repentance, confession of sin, and forsaking sin is real, then God-given faith is imparted, and this real faith in Jesus' Blood will save the vilest and worst sinner on earth.



***Matthew 21:23: And when He was come into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority doest Thou these things? and who gave Thee this authority?"***

***Acts 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."***

***Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:***

***Acts 20:21: Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.***

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There is nothing so saddening and sickening as to see sincere church members who are trying in despair to live the Christian life without the true Spirit of God within their hearts. Their religion is only in their head, and that is why they have so many headaches . . . trying to live right.

7. The last reason I will give you as to why some people lack the assurance of Salvation is the fact they are unaware of the devil having taken the Word of God right out of their hearts lest they should believe and be saved. Read what Jesus said in:

***Luke 8:12: Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word [of God] out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.***

***Matthew 13:19: When any one heareth the Word of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.***



***Romans 10:17: So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God***

***James 1:18a & 21:***

***<sup>18a</sup> Of His [God] Own Will begat He [Jesus] us with the Word of Truth,***

***<sup>21</sup> Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls.***

## HOW ARE WE SAVED?

We are saved through the Word of the Living God.

How then can we know we are saved? Through that very same Word that Saved us. Praise the Lord.

Peter said in his first letter:

***1 Peter 1:23: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.***

### Shipyard Story

I was told of two men — one a foreman, the other one of his carpenters — who were standing on the deck of a steamship, then on dry dock, in one of the shipbuilding yards on the seacoast. The foreman was razzing this carpenter for his testifying to the men on the job about his know-so Salvation.



He said: *“Scott, I have been very anxious to talk with you. I’m told by the boys that you claim to know for certain that you are saved. Is that true?”*

*“Yes”, said Scott, “quite true; and thank God I know I’m saved; in fact, there is nothing I’m more sure of than that.”*

*“Well now,” said the foreman, “that is something I cannot see through. How can any man say that as long as he is in this world? I think it is rather presumptuous for anyone to assert that.”*

*“Well,” said Scott, “I know there is reality in being saved, and in being a child of God. What is the breadth of this waterway?”*

The foreman was surprised and a little astonished that he suddenly changed the topic of conversation. He replied, *“Why fourteen inches, all around, to be sure. What makes you ask that, when you already know?”*

*“But are you really sure that it is fourteen inches?”* asked Scott.

*“Certainly. But what makes you so sure?”* Scott asked again.

*“Why, I’m going by the Book.”* As he said this, he pulled one out of his pocket and showed the marked sizes and position of the various things on the deck. *“I’m sure its right for we got this book from Headquarters.”*

That was all that Scott needed, and said, “Oh! I see. Now that is exactly how I know I’m saved. I’m just GOING BY THE BOOK.”



*It is the Book that came from Headquarters [Heaven] and it is God’s Word. I found here in God’s Word that I was a lost condemned sinner, worthy of nothing but the Lake of Fire; but I also found that God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but HAVE, right now, everlasting life - John 3:16. Look, right here it is:*

***John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

*“I took God at His Word, and I’m saved, and you can be saved, too, for it is for whosoever, and that includes everybody.”*

Paul said:

***2 Timothy 1:12: For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.***

***Romans 5:1: Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:***

***Job said in 19:25-27:***

***25 For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:***

***26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:***

***27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.***



**Hebrews 6:11: We desire that everyone of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.**

**1 Peter 1:18-19:**

**<sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;**

**<sup>19</sup> But with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot:**

**Luke 1:1 & 4:**

**<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,**

**<sup>4</sup> That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.**

Others have had this positive assurance of Salvation and the knowledge of a real experience with Christ in the New Birth.

### **HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED?**

This very same Bible which shows us HOW TO BE SAVED also tells us HOW WE CAN KNOW FOR SURE that we are saved.

Since the Bible was written for the purpose of strengthening and building our faith in the reality of Salvation, we read:

**Proverbs 22:20-21:**

**<sup>20</sup> Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,**

**<sup>21</sup> That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?**



Life is filled with so many uncertainties for most people. Therefore, nothing seems FOR SURE ANYMORE. This causes us to want a proof for nearly everything.



**When the Lord warned us of the many deceivers and false prophets in the world who would deceive many, He also gave us ways in His Word to test every doctrine and teaching and experience. He gave us the Book full of solid facts that our faith and confidence would be strong and unwavering.**

The devil is behind all deception and twisting and perverting and corrupting of the Truth. That is why we need to try every spirit and see if it is of God or not. We read this in:

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**1 John 4:1-3:**

***1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.***

***2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:***

***3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.***

It is in this same Book of **1 John** we find the word **Know** more than any other book in the Bible. John wrote the letter almost entirely on the matter of proofs, and devoted this Book mainly to the certainty of our Salvation.

Every sane and sensible person who is intelligent enough wants facts for the basis of his faith. He will not be satisfied alone with feelings, for feelings vary and change with the weather. There is just one Book in all the world that has never changed — it is the Word of God. Why is that? - Because its Author, Almighty God, is unchangeable.

***Malachi 3:6: God said: "I am the Lord, I change not."***

It is the Lord who sets forth sufficient facts for us to have as the basis of confidence and assurance. No assurance simply means we do not have sufficient proofs of evidence upon which we can rest our faith and trust.

The devil has peddled a big lie: And this is the big lie he peddles — that we cannot know we are saved until the Judgment Day. He has used some preachers to spread this lie.

**On the way to the Post Office . . .**

I met such a person who was taught that whole big lie while on my way to the Post Office to pick up the church mail at our Box. She was an elderly lady, old, wrinkled, and very sad-faced. She was walking with her head down toward home. I felt so sorry for her, for she looked as though she had lost her last friend. I asked: *“Is there something troubling you, ma’am? I am a minister of the Gospel, and would like to help you if you would give me the privilege.”*

She replied, *“My doctor told me yesterday that I don’t have much longer to live, at the most six months.”*

I said, *“If you know Jesus as your own Saviour, why . . . your just six months from Heaven. That isn’t anything to be sad over, is it?”*

*“Well, my preacher told us we can never know till the Judgment if we are going to make it in. He ought to know, for he has been our vicar for over forty years,”* she said.

Then I asked, *“What kind of a church teaches that?”* And she told me. Then I said, *“But I have some wonderful news for you. You can be saved from your sins and know it, beyond a shadow of a doubt. Here, let me show you from the Bible.”*



She was so surprised when I showed her what it said in God’s Word that I will never forget what she said, *“Well, well, I’m going right now and take that up with our vicar, and see what he says.”*

She did, and it resulted in her coming to our Church the following Sunday. Mrs. Simpson came to the altar, gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, and gave one of the most touching testimonies I have ever heard from a new Christian. We will be expecting to meet her on the Streets of Gold, and will recall our wonderful experience on Malvern Avenue in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Whenever a man hears of a good business offer, he will say: *“I’ll take you up on it, but put it in writing.”* Just put it in black and white . . . like we would say it in Arkansas. Will you look at **1 John 5:13**?

***1 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.***

But these are written in black and white unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God, that ***YE MAY KNOW THAT YE HAVE Eternal Life***. Now, here are the SEVEN BIBLE PROOFS by which we can know we are saved.

## **7 BIBLE PROOF BY WHICH WE CAN KNOW WE ARE SAVED**

### **1. I know I am saved by the witness of God's Holy Spirit.**

***1 John 3:24: And he that keepeth His Commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.***

***1 John 4:13: Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.***

***1 John 5:6: This is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is Truth.***

***1 John 5:9-10:***

***<sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son.***

***<sup>10</sup> 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 that God gave of His Son.***

The first and greatest evidence of our Salvation is the Holy Spirit witnessing to our hearts we are the children of God. We are told the Spirit bears witness because the Spirit is Truth. If we receive the witness of men, then the witness of God is greater.

***He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.*** This same fact is repeated over and over no less than seven times in the following Scriptures:.

***Romans 8:9: But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.***

**Romans 8:16: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

**Galatians 4:6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Father."**

**1 Corinthians 3:16: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

**1 Corinthians 6:19: What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**

**Ephesians 2:22: In Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

**Ezekiel 36:26-27:**

**<sup>26</sup> A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

**<sup>27</sup> And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.**



This wonderful Holy Spirit has such a very important part in our Salvation that you and I will do well to respect His workings in us. He convicts of our sins, draws us to Jesus for Salvation, changes our sinful hearts, places us in the Body of Christ, and Seals us unto the Day of Redemption.



**John 3:5: Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."**

**Titus 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

**John 16:7-11:**

***7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.***

***8 And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:***

***9 Of sin, because they believe not on Me;***

***10 Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more;***

***11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.***



**Genesis 6:3: And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”**

**1 Corinthians 12:13: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**

**Ephesians 1:13: In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise,**

**Ephesians 4:30: And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption.**

**2 Corinthians 1:22: Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**

It must seem like the Lord could not emphasize this proof too often. Nearly a dozen times and in about seven different Books of the Bible He repeats it over and over again. If you missed the first reference, you are bound to catch hold on another.

It is the Holy Spirit who brings to our hearts undisputable evidence, that He dwells within us and in such a way we need not doubt. This is God’s Way of letting us know our names are written in the Book of Life.

**2. I know I am saved by the change that has come in me toward the children of God, other Christians.**

I like to call it the Love Test. It is recorded in:

**1 John 3:14: We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**

**1 John 3:11: For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.**

**1 John 3:23: And this is His Commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us Commandment.**



**1 John 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

**1 John 4:12: No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His Love is perfected in us.**

**1 John 5:1: Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.**

**1 John 4:20: If a man say, "I love God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God Whom he hath not seen?**

Here again, as in the first test, we have repeated over and over again the same Love Test no less than ten times in this small book. This Love Test is so important that John becomes more forceful with the negative side of the Love Test by saying:

**1 John 2:11: But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.**

**1 John 3:14-15:**

***14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.  
15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him.***

***John 13:34-35:*** The words of Jesus

***34 A new Commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.***

***35 By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.***

**THE LOVE TEST NEVER FAILS, because love never fails.**

***1 Corinthians 13:8: Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.***



This is Divine Love called Charity in this verse. If we have this Heavenly love, others will know it; and if we do not have it, we can't help from showing that, too. Have you passed these first two tests? Next is the third Love Test.

**3. I know I am saved by my new attitude and love for doing what is right.**

***1 John 2:29: If ye know that He is Righteous, ye know that every one that doeth Righteousness is born of Him.***

***1 John 3:10: In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.***

***1 John 3:7: Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is Righteous.***

When we become the true children of God, we love righteousness and hate iniquity because we have become partakers of the Divine Nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**Hebrews 1:9: Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

**1 Peter 1:4: To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you,**

**Hebrews 12:10: For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His Holiness.**

**Our very attitude toward sin has changed. We cannot love it, live in it, nor enjoy the pleasures of sin any longer.**

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**Romans 12:9: Let love be without dissimulation [hypocrisy]. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:22: Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

**1 John 2:1: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

**4. I know that I am saved by the desire I have to confess Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, before men.**

**1 John 4:15: Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

**1 John 4:2-3:**

**<sup>2</sup> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**

**<sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.**



**1 John 5:1: Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him [other believers] also that is begotten of Him.**

**Romans 10:9-10:**

**<sup>9</sup> 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.**

**<sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation.**

**Matthew 10:32: (Jesus' words)**

**Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in Heaven.**

**1 Peter 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:**

There cannot be any silent Christians, unless they are deaf and dumb.



**Acts 1:8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**Isaiah 43:10: "Ye are My witnesses," saith the Lord, "and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me."**

**1 John 2:22-23:**

**<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son.**

**<sup>23</sup> Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.**

5. I know I belong to Jesus and I am a child of God by my obedience to His Word.

**1 John 2:3-5:**

**<sup>3</sup> And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.**

**<sup>4</sup> He that saith, "I know him", and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

**<sup>5</sup> But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.**

**1 John 5:2-3:**

**<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His Commandments.**

**<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments: and His Commandments are not grievous.**

**What Commandments does the Lord have in mind in particular?**



**1 John 3:23: And this is His Commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us Commandment.**

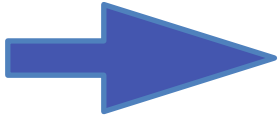
**2 Peter 2:21: For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the Holy Commandment delivered unto them.**

**John 14:15: (Jesus' words)**

**If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.**

**John 15:10: If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father's Commandments, and abide in His Love.**

**John 14:21: He that hath My Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.**



**The Lord Jesus counts my attitude toward His Word as My attitude toward Him. If I despise His Word, I am despising Him. If I reject His Word I am rejecting Him.**

He loves His Word so much He has set it above His Name. And His Name is higher than the heavens. Where then does that put His WORD? How did you pass the fifth test?

***Psalms 138:2: I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple, and praise Thy Name for thy lovingkindness and for Thy Truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name.***

**6. I know that I am truly saved because of the love of the world is gone from my heart.**

The world has no more charm for a real born-again Christian. Its power over us is broken.

**1 John 2:15-17:**

***<sup>15</sup> Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***

***<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.***

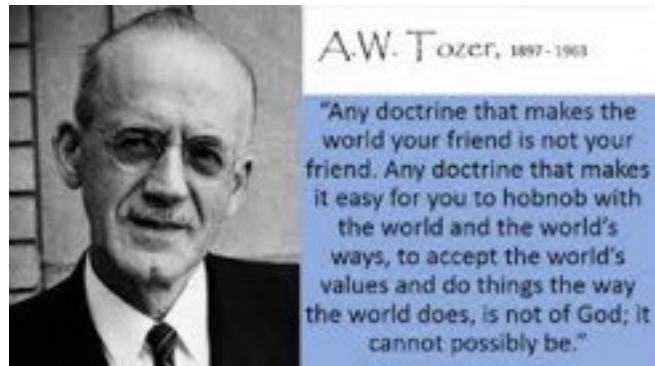
***<sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth for ever.***

**1 John 5:4-5:**

***<sup>4</sup> For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***

***<sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?***

***Galatians 4:4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,***



**James 4:4: Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

**1 Corinthians 6:17: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," saith the Lord, "and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."**

**John 15:19:** The Words of Jesus

**If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

**John 17:15:** The Words of Jesus

**I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**

**Romans 12:2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

NO WONDER MANY PEOPLE DO NOT feel a sense or the witness of the Spirit and lack the confidence that they are the children of the Lord. They are so worldly-minded. I hear them say . . . I just can't live the Christian life because there are so many things to give up. There are so many pleasures I be able to enjoy anymore.



**I want you to know that you are not asked to give up anything before you are saved.** Salvation, it is true, includes deliverance from the spirit of the world. For the Bible says:

**1 Corinthians 2:12: 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.**

While we are yet sinners, we have the spirit of the world, and love the worldly pleasures, but when the True Spirit of God comes in, the old spirit goes out. That is why Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

**Hebrews 11:25: Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;**

**1 John 2:16-17:**

**<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**

**<sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth for ever.**



**Matthew 13:22: He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the Word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

**Luke 8:14: And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.**

**Philippians 3:7-9:**

**<sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.**

**<sup>8</sup> Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,**

**<sup>9</sup> And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the Faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:**

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12:**

**<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**

**<sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Hear this prophecy of the last days:

**2 Timothy 3:2a & 4:**

***2a For men shall be lovers of their own selves . . .***

***4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;***

I challenge even our young people to read:

***Ecclesiastes 11:9: Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.***

**7. The SEVENTH WITNESS that I can know for sure that I am a child of God is found in 1 John 4:6-7.**

***1 John 4:6-7:***

***6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of error.***

***7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.***



***1 John 4:19-20:***

***19 We love Him, because He first loved us.***

***20 If a man say, "I love God", and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?***

What is this seventh test? It is KNOWING AND LOVING THE LORD.

The language is strong, it even calls people liars who claim they are the Lord's children but their love life does not prove it. Read:

***1 John 2:13: I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.***

**1 John 5:20: And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is True, and we are in Him that is True, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and Eternal Life.**

**1 John 1:2: (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that Eternal Life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)**

When I have Him, I have Eternal Life and really know it. Before I was saved, God was a stranger to me. I even thought He hated me and wanted to send me to Hell. But I found out differently since then, and discovered the God really sooooo Loved me that He gave His Only Begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary to atone for all my sins and transgressions, and that IF I would believe in Him and receive Him as my personal Saviour, He would change my life and make a new creature out of me. Old things would pass away, all the old life, sin's pleasures of a sinful nature would be gone, and all THINGS WOULD BECOME NEW. It happened just that way, so I know I am saved, praise the LORD!!! Do YOU know if YOU are saved???

**Do you KNOW HIM? Do you LOVE HIM??** If so, I know also that you are truly saved and you are my brother and sister in Christ. Jesus said:

**John 17:3: And this is Life Eternal, that they might know Thee the Only True God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.**

**Do you know  
Him?**

You who are unsaved can know Him and love Him. He wants you to know Him.

**Jeremiah 9:23-24:**

**<sup>23</sup> Thus saith the LORD, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:**

**<sup>24</sup> But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight," saith the LORD.**

**Jeremiah 22:15-16:**

***15 “Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him?***

***16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know Me?” saith the Lord.***

Simply to know *of* or *about* Him is not enough. To know Him as your personal Lord and Savior brings Eternal Life.

In closing, remember, **if** you are living in sin, you do not really know Him for, the Bible says:

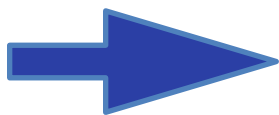
**To know Him as your personal Lord and Savior brings Eternal Life.**

***1 John 3:6b: Whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither know Him.***

But you can know Him just by simply turning from your sins, asking Him for forgiveness, believing in Him to save you, and then receiving Him into your heart. Do it today, and do it without delay. For today may be the only day you will have the opportunity to be saved.

***Hebrews 4:7: Again, He limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, “Today if ye will hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.”***

***2 Corinthians 6:2: (For He saith [in Isaiah 49:8], “I have heard Thee in a time accepted, and in the Day of Salvation have I succoured [helped] Thee:” behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the Day of Salvation.)***



**Remember this: God does not hold you or me responsible for being born a sinner. But He does . . . for dying as a sinner.**

The Lord God has done everything that could be done — anything that justice demanded to be done — to redeem you. So if you die in your sins, you cannot come where Jesus is . . . in Heaven. Should you reject God’s plan for Salvation — reject Jesus and His work on the Cross to pay the penalty for your sins — this scripture applies to you.

***John 8:21 & 24:***



***21 Then said Jesus again unto them, "I go My way, and ye shall seek Me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come."***

***24 I said therefore unto you, "that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."***

## **Queen Victoria**

A beautiful incident in the experience of Queen Victoria is worth telling as I close this message. It has been published and is unquestionably authentic.

The Queen had attended a service in St. Paul's Cathedral and had listened to a sermon that interested her greatly. Then she asked her Chaplain if one could be absolutely sure in this life of eternal safety. His answer was that he knew of NO WAY that one could be ABSOLUTELY SURE.

This was published in the Court News and fell under the eye of a humble minister of the Gospel by the name of John Townsend. He was an intimate friend of George Muller whose life and faith led him to found many orphanages.

After reading of Queen Victoria's question and the answer she received, John thought and prayed much about the matter, then sent the following to the Queen:

*To her gracious Majesty, our beloved Queen Victoria, from one of her most humble subjects:*

*With trembling hands, but heart-filled love, and because I know that we can be absolutely sure NOW OF OUR Eternal Life in the Home that Jesus went to prepare, may I ask your Majesty to read the following passages of scriptures:*

***John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.***

***Romans 10:8-10:***

***<sup>8</sup> But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach;***

***<sup>9</sup> 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.***

***<sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation.***

*These passages prove there is full assurance of Salvation by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for those who believe and accept His finished work.*

*I sign myself, your servant for Jesus' sake,*

*John Townsend.*

In about a fortnight he received a modest looking envelope:

*To John Townsend:*

*Your letter of recent date received and in reply would state that I have carefully and prayerfully read the portions of scripture referred to. I believe in the finished work of Christ for me, and trust by God's Grace to meet you in that Home which He said, "I go to prepare a place for you."*

*Signed . . . Victoria of Great Britain*



This wise queen read the scriptures and found she could truly know if she were saved. How about you?

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