

Series: Things That Accompany Salvation
Message 14: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Part X)
(2 Cor. 5:14; 13:5; 1 Jn. 5:9-13)

Hebrews 6:9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

I. The Declaration of God's Record (9, 11, 13B)

A. The Confidence in the Record (5:9)

1 John 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: **Deuteronomy 19:15** ... at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

B. The Content of the Record (9B, 11)

1. The Person (9B)

9B for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

2. The Prospect (11A)

11A And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life,

3. The Process (11B)

11B and this life is in his Son.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

II. The Decision about God's Record (10A&C)

Matthew 27:22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?

A. Some Receive the Record (10A)

10A He that believeth on the Son of God

B. Some Reject the Record (10C)

10C he that believeth not God

John 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joshua 24:15 ... choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

III. The Determination of God's Record (10, 12)

A. The Destiny of the Faithless (10C&D, 12B)

1. Their Offences (10C&D)

a. They Have Ridiculed the Character of God (10C)

10C he that believeth not God hath made him a liar;

1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

b. They Have Refused the Christ of God (10D)

10D because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

1 John 2:25-27 PLEASE TURN TO THIS PASSAGE.

2. Their Outcome (12B)

12B and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

John 8:24 ... if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

B. The Destiny of the Faithful (10B, 12A, 13)

1. The Faithful Have Assurance of Salvation (10B; 13)

13A 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,

a. Internal Assurance (10B)

10B hath the witness in himself:

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

b. External Assurance (13B)

13B and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

2. The Faithful Have Eternal Life (12A)

12 He that hath the Son hath life;

CONCLUSION:

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

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.