

**Series: Things That Accompany Salvation**  
**Message 15: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Summary)**  
**(2 Cor. 5:14; 1 John)**

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

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?

**1. The Companionship Test (1:1-4):**

Do I demonstrate that I love the fellowship of the Father, the Son and the Saints?

**2. The Comfort Test (1:5-8):**

Am I sensitive to sin?

**Hebrews 12:8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards [illegitimate children], and not sons.

**3. The Cleansing Test:**

Have I experienced and accepted the forgiveness of God?

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

**4. The Commandments Test (2:3-6):**

Am I keeping God's commandments?

**Luke 6:46** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

**John 15:14** Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

**5. The Conformity Test (2:15-17):**

Does my life conform to the will of God?

**Matthew 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

**6. The Conduct Test (2:29):**

Am I doing righteousness?

**Matthew 7:16,17** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

## 7. **The Coming Test (3:1-3):**

Am I showing that I am looking forward to the coming of Christ by living in such a way that I would not be embarrassed by His coming?

**Luke 12:39-40** And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. 40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

## 8. **The Conquering Test (3:4-9):**

Am I winning the battle over habitual sin?

**2 John 1:1** The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

## 9. **The Charity Test (3:10-19):**

Am I demonstrating by my actions and attitude a genuine love for my brothers and sisters in Christ?

**John 13:35** By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

## 10. **The Conscience Test (3:20-21):**

Am I free from the plague of moral guilt?

## 11. **The Communication Test (3:22):**

Have I experienced true answers to prayer?

## 12. **The Counselor Test (3:24):**

Do I show evidence that the Holy Spirit is present in my life?

**John 14:17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

## 13. **The Compatibility Test (4:6):**

Have I heard the Word of God in the messages of men?

## 14. **The Constraint Test (4:19):**

Do I love God?

**2 Corinthians 5:14** For the love of Christ constraineth us; ...

## 15. **The Confession Test (4:14-15; 5:1):**

Do I believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

## **16. The Conviction Test (1 John 5:10-11):**

Do I believe God's record?

### **CONCLUSION:**

28 times in 23 verses John tells us that we can "KNOW" that we are saved!

John 20:30-31 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 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.

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.