

Series: Things That Accompany Salvation

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

Message 5: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Part I)

(2 Cor. 13:5; 1 John 1:3-10)

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. Sign #1: The Companionship Test (1 John 1:3,4)

Have I experienced spiritual fellowship with God and with others?

A. The Believers in Fellowship (1:3; John 13:35)

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

B. The Basis of Fellowship (1:3; Lk. 24:32)

Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

C. The Blessings of Fellowship (1:4; Ps. 133:1)

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

II. Sign #2: The Comfort Test (1:5-8)

Am I sensitive to sin?

A. The Consideration of God's Character (1:5)

1. The Description of God's Character (5A)
2. The Degree of God's Character (5B)

B. The Contrast of Man's Character (1:6-8)

1. A Person of Lies (1:6,8)

- a. His Words (1:6A)
- b. His Walk (1:6B)
- c. His Warning (1:8)

2. A Person of Light (1:7)

- a. The Pattern of Light (1:7A)
- b. The Privilege of Light (1:7B)
- c. The Purity of Light (1:7C)

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

III. Sign #3: The Cleansing Test (1:9)

Have I experienced forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration after confession?

A. The Condition of Our Forgiveness (1:9A)

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

B. The Confidence of Our Forgiveness (1:9B)

C. The Completeness of Our Forgiveness (1:9C)

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

1 Kings 8:23, 35-40 PLEASE TURN TO THIS PASSAGE.

CONCLUSION: