

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 6: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Part II)

(2 Cor. 13:5; 1 John 1:9; 2:3-6, 17)

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 #3: The Cleansing Test (1:9)

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

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

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

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.

The true believer will have experienced and accepted the forgiveness of God!

II. Sign #4: The Commandments Test (2:3-6)

A. The Conditions We Are Given (3)

B. The Claims that We Make (4)

1. What Man Says

2. What God Says

James 2:14 What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be [ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit?

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

C. The Conscience We Must Have (5)

D. The Christ We Must Follow (6)

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.

III. Sign #5: The Conformity Test (2:15-17)

A. There is a Conformity to the World

1. The World pushes sensuality (the Lust of the Flesh)

2. The World pushes materialism (the Lust of the Eyes)

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3. The World pushes egotism (the Pride of Life)

Psalms 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

B. There is a Conformity to the Will of God

1. Purity

Psalms 32:2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

2. Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

3. Humility

Micah 6:8 ... what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Proverbs 16:19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

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.

CONCLUSION: