

## 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 7: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Part III)

(2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:1-9)

**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 Conduct Test (1 Jn. 2:29)

Am I doing righteousness?

##### A. The Assumption that is Made

##### B. The Actions that are Taken

##### C. The Assurance that is Given

**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.

**Matthew 7:16,17** Ye shall know them by their fruits. ... Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

#### II. The Coming Test (1 Jn. 3:1-3)

Am I looking forward to the Coming of Christ?

##### A. Our Privilege (1)

##### B. Our Position (2A)

##### C. Our Prospect (2B)

###### 1. Our Current Limitation

**1 Corinthians 13:12A** For now we see through a glass, darkly; ...

###### 2. Our Coming Likeness

###### a. What We Shall Become

**1 Corinthians 13:12B** ... but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

###### b. Why We Shall Become

#### D. Our Purification (3)

##### 1. The Possession of Hope

**Colossians 1:27** ... Christ in you, the hope of glory:

##### 2. The Purification of Hope

**2 Peter 3:14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

##### 3. The Pattern of Hope

**1 John 4:17** ... because as he is, so are we in this world.

### III. The Conquering Test (1 Jn. 3:4-9)

Am I no longer marked by habitual sin?

#### A. The Definition of Sin (4)

#### B. The Deception About Sin (7)

**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;

#### C. The Distinction in Sin (6,8)

##### 1. Some are Revealed to be Sinners (6B,8)

##### 2. Some are Revealed to be Saints (6,9)

#### D. The Defeat of Sin (5,8B)

**1 John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

**Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

**Mt. 7:18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

## CONCLUSION: