



# SAVED AND SURE ABOUT IT

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# TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF SALVATION

## ◦ INTRODUCTION

- If you are really born again, there should be some tangible proof that you are not the way you used to be.
- Let me take you to the epistle of 1 John. We are going to see what the Bible has to say about tangible evidence.
- Some may say, you are baptized when you are a child
- Some others may say, that they are baptized in ELBC or some other church.

# INTRODUCTION

- **BUT ARE YOU REALLY SAVED AND SURE ABOUT IT.**
- Apostle John in his **Gospel** gave the clearest gospel-truth.
- In his **epistle**, John gives us the evidence of salvation throughout first John.
- Some tangible ways that your life will change when you are saved, not just say that you are saved.
- John in this 1<sup>st</sup> epistle brought out Twenty tangible evidences that you can look for in your life to know whether you are saved or not.

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- When you see a doctor, first thing they do is a check your vital signs.
- Let us look together some of these vital signs John gives us
- **1. You can know you are saved if you walk in the God's light.**

1 John 1:6 *“If we say we have fellowship with him, (in other words, you say you are saved) and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

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2. To walk in god's light, you have to know where to find it. Now if you have a Bible, you have God's light.

○ *“His word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Psalm 119:05.*

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**3. You know you are saved if you have a keen sense of your own sinfulness.**

1 John 1:18 *“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him, God, a liar and His word is not in us.”*

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- **4. If you are born again, you will live in willful obedience to God's Word.**
- 1 John 2:3. *“Now by this we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says I know Him and does not keep His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoever keep His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in him”*

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**5. You know that you are born again if you no longer have a feeling of love with what captivates the world.**

- 1 John 2:15 *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”*



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## **6. You do the things that are right in God's eyes.**

- 1John 2:29, *“If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone that practices righteousness is born of him.”*

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## 7. You eagerly anticipate the return of the Lord.

- 1 John 3:1 *“Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called the children of God...but we know that when he is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”*

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**8. If you have a desire to live a godly life, a life of purity, that's one of the tangible evidence that you are born again.**

- 1 John 3:3 *“And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as He is pure.”*

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**9. If you experience a growing freedom from sinful behavior, from the old lifestyle of your sin, that's one of the pieces of evidence that you are born again.**

- 1 John 3:6 *“Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. “Anyone born of God does not sin”* the verb is in the present tense.

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## **10. You have a genuine love for other believers.**

- 1 John 3:14 *“We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.”*
- The Christians have a special love for those who also love their Savior.

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## **11. You demonstrate your love in word and deed.**

- 1 John 3:18 *“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue but in deed and in truth. And by this, we know that we are of the truth and so assure our hearts before Him.”*

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**12. You have the witness of your conscience that you are born again.**

◦ *1 John 3:21-22 “Beloved, if your heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask, we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”*

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## **13. You have indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit of God.**

- This is one of the most important evidence of one's salvation.
- *3:24 “Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him and He in him and by this we know that He abides in us by the Spirit whom He has given us”.*
- We are sealed by the Holy Spirit,
- *Eph. 1:13, “ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise”*



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## **14. You have the ability to distinguish truth from error.**

*1 John 4:6 “We are of God. He who knows God hears us and he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”*

Before you were saved, you had very little ability to understand God and His Word. With salvation comes the ability to distinguish truth from error.

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## **15. You confess Jesus as the Son of God.**

*1 John 4:15 “Whoever, confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.*

It is impossible to be saved and deny the deity of Christ.

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## **16. If you believe that Jesus is the Christ.**

*1 John 5:1 “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of him.”*

If you are convinced that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Messiah of Israel.

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**17. You exhibit overcoming faith and when you exhibit that kind of faith, it is proof of your salvation.**

*1John 5:4-5, “For whatever is born of god overcomes the world and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith who is he that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God”.*

If you believe that Jesus is the Christ, you have overcoming faith and when you have overcoming faith, it proves that you believe that Jesus is the Christ.

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**18. When you believe the promise of God, it is evidence in your life that you are born gain.**

*1 John 5:9-10 “If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater. For this is the witness of God, which He has testified of His Son, he who believes in the Son of God has this witness in himself. He who does not believe god has made him a liar because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.”*

The Bible is filled with promises but when you believe the promises of God, that's evidence that you are born again. One such promise is

*1 John 5:12. “He who has the Son has life. He who does not have the Son of God does not have life”. If you have the Son, you have eternal life, period.*

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## **19. You trust the purpose of God's word.**

*1 John 5:13 "These things I have written to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life and that you may continue to believe in the Name of the Son of God."*

The Bible is the revelation of the mind of God to the minds of men. God had a very definite purpose when he revealed His mind. If you have trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, your Heavenly Father wants you to be certain that you are a Christian. The Bible was written to give you that certainty.

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**20. If you are born from above, born of God, if you are saved, if you are a new believer in Christ Jesus, a new creation, you have an understanding from the Son of God. It's an understanding that the world doesn't have.**

*1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."*

# CONCLUSION

You can be sure that the Son of God came to this earth to give you the true understanding of the way things are. You see, Jesus is the way to God. “He is the true truth that you can trust. He is the eternal life that God has promised you (John 14:6 paraphrased).