

Seven Marks of True Salvation

Ice Breaker Question: *Why do you think understanding salvation is so important to believers?*

- Great! I think that salvation is so very important. Without knowing and being grounded in what we think about salvation, we have no foundation to our witness, we cannot help others, it inhibits our growth, and it is just a basic to faith!
- I want us to take a little test that will help reveal to us some things about salvation.
- *On a scale of 1-5 rate yourself:*
1: never true 2: rarely true 3: sometimes true 4: usually true 5: always true:
 1. I have an awareness and brokenness over my sin.
 2. I have a hunger for God's word.
 3. I have a desire for living the Christian life.
 4. I have seen an increasing in Satan testing my faith.
 5. I have love for others.
 6. I have a desire to share Christ with others.
 7. I have experienced social pressure or ridicule from non-believing family, friends, classmates, co-workers, etc.

These questions are "Seven evidences of Salvation." We will always be growing in these areas. We will NEVER reach a point where we perfectly do all of these things. However, these 7 are indications that we are believers and actively pursuing God. Let's look at why these are evidences of salvation.

1. Brokenness over sin.

- **1 John 1:6** "If we claim to have fellowship with **him** yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do **not** live by the **truth**." **1 John 1:8-10** " ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."

2. Hunger for God's Word.

- **1 Peter 2:2** ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

3. Christian Life:

- **2 Corinthians 5:17** " ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" **1 John 2:4** "The man who says, "I know **him**," but does **not** do what he commands is a liar, and the **truth** is **not** in **him**."

4. Testing:

- **2 Timothy 3:12** " ¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,"

5. Love for others:

- **1 John 4:7-23.** “⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

6. Desire to Share:

- **Mark 8:28** “³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.” **Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

7. Social Pressure:

- **John 15:18** “If the **world hates** you, keep in mind that it **hated** me first.” **John 17:14** “I have given them your word and the **world** has **hated** them, for they are not of the **world** any more than I am of the **world**.” **1 John 3:13** “Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the **world hates** you.”