

**13. The true believer is safe and secure in Christ forever because God will complete the great work of salvation which He began in him (Phil. 1:6).**

In Philippians 1:6 what word is a word of assurance? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paul was fully persuaded that the One who had \_\_\_\_\_ a good work in these  
 Philippian believers would also \_\_\_\_\_ it (finish it, complete it) until the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Who was the One who began this  
 good work in the lives of these believers? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the One who keeps on working  
 in them (Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:20-21)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will He finish this work  
 (Philippians 1:6)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is God able to finish what He begins (Jude 24; 2 Tim. 1:12;  
 Hebrews 7:25)? \_\_\_\_\_

What great event are believers **waiting** for (1 Corinthians 1:7)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ What great event are believers **looking** for (Titus 2:13)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ How do we know that this  
 great event will take place (John 14:1-3)? \_\_\_\_\_

Were the believers in Corinth mature and healthy and growing (1 Corinthians 3:1-2)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Was the Corinthian church a united church or a divided church (1 Cor. 1:10-13;  
 3:3-4)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did all of the members of the  
 Corinthian church live holy and pure lives (1 Cor. 5:1,13; 11:29-30)? \_\_\_\_\_ And yet, in  
 spite of all their failures and sins and problems, we are amazed to discover that in 1  
 Corinthians 1:8 Paul tells these believers that the Lord Jesus shall \_\_\_\_\_ them  
 unto the \_\_\_\_\_ so that they would be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
 our Lord Jesus Christ! Is God able to finish the good work that He has begun even in  
 Corinthian believers? \_\_\_\_\_ Even in you? \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 1:6 and 1 Corinthians 1:8 both mention a certain day. What is this day  
 called? \_\_\_\_\_ We learn in 1 Corinthians 1:7  
 that this "day" will come to pass when what great event takes place? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please MATCH the following:**

1. _____ God began His work in me when I was first saved.	A. Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:21.
2. _____ God is working in me right now.	B. 1 Corinthians 1:7-8; Phil. 3:20-21.
3. _____ God will finish and will complete this great work.	C. Acts 16:31; John 6:29; Ephesians 1:12-13; 1 Corinthians 6:11
4. _____ God delivered me, He is delivering me right now, and He will deliver me! (This speaks of our great salvation—past, present and future!)	D. 2 Corinthians 1:10

God's eternal purpose is to conform us to what (Rom. 8:28-29)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ When will God's purpose for us be fulfilled (1 John 3:2)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 John 3:2, **why** will we be like  
 Christ on that day? \_\_\_\_\_ Does God  
 want us to see and behold the Lord Jesus even now (2 Cor. 3:18)? \_\_\_\_\_ How can we  
 see Christ today (Luke 24:27,44-45; John 5:39)? \_\_\_\_\_

If it were possible for a true believer to lose his salvation, then God's eternal purpose to conform him to the image of Christ would have failed! Is this possible? \_\_\_\_\_ When God purposes to do something, will that purpose be fulfilled (Isaiah 14:27; 46:10-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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We have now studied 13 reasons (pages 54-72) why the true believer is eternally safe and secure in Christ forever! Does the Bible teach that a true believer can lose his salvation and be lost (John 6:37-40)? \_\_\_\_\_ If you are a true believer in Christ, are you really safe and secure in Christ forever (John 10:28)? \_\_\_\_\_

It is vitally important not only to **KNOW** that I am saved, but also to **SHOW** that I am saved. If I really have **God's LIFE** then that LIFE ought to be manifested and demonstrated. I need to remember that there is something that every true believer possesses:

"He that believeth on Me hath (has) eternal \_\_\_\_\_" (John 6:47)

"He is passed from death unto \_\_\_\_\_" (John 5:24)

"He that hath (has) the Son hath (has) \_\_\_\_\_" (1 John 5:12)

Therefore, every true believer possesses L\_\_\_\_\_. The person who is not a true believer does not have \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:12 and compare Eph. 2:1). He is dead. He breathes and exists and walks and eats, but he does not have the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:18).

Let's think about physical life for a moment. We know that the body without the spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:26). How did Martha know that her brother Lazarus was truly dead (John 11:39)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (decomposition is a sure sign of death!) What did Lazarus do that indicated that he had truly come back to life (John 11:44)? \_\_\_\_\_

If you were to see a person walking, talking, eating and laughing, you would certainly conclude that this person must have physical \_\_\_\_\_.

Suppose you had a young child who was only a year old. Suddenly one day you hear your child falling down the stairs. As you rush to help your child, would you rather hear your child crying or would you rather hear no sound at all? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

If you were to hear your baby crying, then that would be a sure sign that your child is \_\_\_\_\_.

As children of God and as possessors of God's LIFE, there ought to be **signs of LIFE**. There ought to be certain signs in our life that clearly show that we have been born of God. We want to study what these signs are and we want to test ourselves to see if these signs are really present in our lives. The Bible says, "\_\_\_\_\_ [test] yourselves, whether ye be in the \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Cor. 13:5). Are you really in the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 13:5)? Have you really \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31)? \_\_\_\_ Have you really passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:24)? Have you really been S\_\_\_\_\_ by G\_\_\_\_\_ through F\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 2:8)? Have you really C\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ as a poor, helpless, hopeless, lost sinner (John 6:37)? Have you truly R\_\_\_\_\_ Him (John 1:12)?

We are now going to go to the Bible and look at certain **signs of life** or characteristics that ought to be true of every believer. If these things do not characterize your life, then this means one of two things: **1) You are spiritually sick.** That is, you are a true believer who is very carnal and in a backslidden state (1 Cor. 3:1-4). You need to get right with God. **2) You are spiritually dead.** That is, you are not a true believer and you don't have God's life. You may have *professed* salvation but you may never have *possessed* salvation. You need to receive Christ as your personal Saviour and trust in Him and Him alone (John 1:12; 6:47).

### **Sign of Life #1—A true believer BELIEVES the Word of God (1 John 5:9-12).**

It sounds so very obvious! A true believer believes! If you don't believe, you are not a true believer! Read 1 John 5:9. This verse compares the witness (testimony) of \_\_\_\_\_ with the witness (testimony) of \_\_\_\_\_. We usually receive the testimony of men. This means we usually believe what men tell us. Do men lie most of the time or do men generally tell the truth most of the time? \_\_\_\_\_ Even liars tell the truth most of the time because if they lied all the time no one would ever believe them (and liars want people to believe their lies). When a person tells you something, do you usually say, "I don't believe you. You're a liar!"? \_\_\_\_\_ If you heard on the radio that the President was shot, would you believe it? \_\_\_\_\_ Suppose that your doctor told you that you had cancer. Would you believe him? \_\_\_\_\_ If your neighbor told you that your car had a flat tire, would you believe him enough to check it out? \_\_\_\_\_ Do we usually receive the testimony of men (1 John 5:9)? \_\_\_\_\_ Whose testimony is even greater than that of men (1 John 5:9)? \_\_\_\_\_ Most of the time men tell the truth, but do they always? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18, why is the testimony of God greater? \_\_\_\_\_ If we normally believe what men tell us, how much more should we believe \_\_\_\_\_. If we take men at their word, how much more should we \_\_\_\_\_.

When a person does not believe the testimony of God, what does he make God (1 John 5:10)? \_\_\_\_\_ But the person who is a true believer is able to say, "Lord, You are a God of \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 32:4) and the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17) and therefore I know that everything You say in Your Word must be \_\_\_\_\_." The record (testimony, witness) that God gave concerning His Son is found in 1 John 5:11-12. What did God give to us (1 John 5:11)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is eternal life a free gift or is it something we must work for (compare Rom. 6:23)? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this gift found (1 John 5:11)? \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 John 5:12, the person who has the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ and the person who does not have \_\_\_\_\_ does not have \_\_\_\_\_.

The person who believes God's testimony concerning His Son is able to say, "Lord, I believe that eternal life is a free G\_\_\_\_\_ and this life is found only in Your S\_\_\_\_\_, and because I have R\_\_\_\_\_ Christ (John 1:12) as my personal Saviour, I now K\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:13) that I have eternal \_\_\_\_\_."

Some people claim to believe in Jesus, but they have problems believing the Word of God. Their real problem is that of **UNBELIEF** (read Luke 24:25-27; Matt. 22:29). Let's examine some of their problems:

### **1) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe the Bible."**

But Jesus said that God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17) and the Scriptures cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:35) and all things that are written in the Scriptures must be \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:44) including every jot and every \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:18)! Did Jesus believe the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus but I believe that Jesus was wrong when He said that the Bible is truth." Is it possible for the Son of God to be wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore this is what the believer should say, "I believe in Jesus and because I believe in Jesus I also believe \_\_\_\_\_."

### **2) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe what Paul wrote."**

But Paul said, "For this we say unto you by \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 4:15; compare John 16:12-13). "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I (Paul) write unto you are the \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Cor. 14:37).

"Now we command you, brethren, in the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Thess. 3:6). Did Peter recognize Paul's letters as being  
 "scripture" (2 Peter 3:15-16)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, the believer should say, "I believe in Jesus  
 and I also believe what \_\_\_\_\_ wrote because Paul was an \_\_\_\_\_  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 1:1) and his writings are God-  
 breathed (2 Tim. 3:16) just as all the rest of the Bible."

### **3) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in Adam and Eve."**

But Jesus said, "Have ye not read that He who made them at the \_\_\_\_\_  
 made them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" (Matt.19:4; compare Gen. 1:27). Did Jesus  
 believe in the Genesis account of creation? \_\_\_\_\_ Was Jesus an evolutionist or a  
 creationist? \_\_\_\_\_ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe  
 in Jesus but I believe that Jesus was wrong when He taught that Adam and Eve were created  
 in the beginning." Should we believe in a God who can be wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ Our answer is this:  
 "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe \_\_\_\_\_."

### **4) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in Moses and I don't believe what Moses wrote, in fact, I don't even believe Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible."**

But Jesus said, "For had ye believed \_\_\_\_\_, ye would have believed \_\_\_\_\_;  
 for he (Moses) wrote of \_\_\_\_\_. But if ye do not believe his writings, how shall ye believe  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:46-47)?" Did the Lord Jesus believe that Moses wrote the book  
 of Exodus (compare Mark 12:26 with Exodus 3:6)? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Matthew 4:4,7,10 and  
 compare this with Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:13. To defeat Satan the Lord Jesus quoted  
 three times from what Old Testament book? \_\_\_\_\_ Who was the human author  
 of this book (Deut. 1:1)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord consider the books of Moses important  
 and worthy of belief (Luke 24:25-27)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord consider the books of Moses as  
 part of the Scriptures (Luke 24:44-45)? \_\_\_\_\_ Even the psalmist said, "Thy word is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:160). Therefore the  
 believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus, I also believe what \_\_\_\_\_ wrote."

### **5) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in a universal flood that covered the whole world in the days of Noah."**

But Jesus said, "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in  
 marriage, until the day that \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_  
 came, and \_\_\_\_\_ them all" (Luke 17:27). Did Jesus believe in Noah and the ark  
 and the flood? \_\_\_\_\_

What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus, but I believe that Jesus was mistaken when He taught about Noah. Jesus didn't realize that Noah and the flood is just a story and never really happened." Should we put our faith in a God who can make mistakes?\_\_\_\_\_ Therefore the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe in a world-wide \_\_\_\_\_ that destroyed the world in the days of \_\_\_\_\_."

### **6) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe Daniel really wrote the book of Daniel."**

But Jesus said, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation (Daniel 9:27) spoken of by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 24:15). Did Jesus believe that we should read and understand the book of Daniel (Matt. 24:15)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Jesus believe that Daniel wrote the book of Daniel? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe that \_\_\_\_\_wrote the book of \_\_\_\_\_."

### **7) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I cannot believe that Jonah was really swallowed by a great fish."**

But Jesus said, "Jonah was three days and three nights in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 12:40; compare Jonah 1:17). Therefore, the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe that \_\_\_\_\_ was really in the belly of a great fish. Jesus said it! That settles it! And I believe it!"

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A person who is truly saved believes the testimony of God! He believes all of God's Word including the letters of Paul, the books of Moses, the prophecy of Daniel and the book of Jonah. Are you a Bible believer? Do you believe the Word of God? Do you believe the testimony that God has given concerning His Son (1 John 5:9-12)? ***"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."***

### **Sign of Life #2—A true believer has a hunger for the Word of God (1 Peter 2:2).**

In 1 Peter 1:23 we learn that a person is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ . In 1 Peter 2:2 we find that the person who has been born-again is likened to a \_\_\_\_\_. What is the one thing that babies yearn for, long for, earnestly desire, and fuss over if they don't get it? \_\_\_\_\_ If a baby has no desire for \_\_\_\_\_ then something must be wrong! Healthy babies have a real hunger for \_\_\_\_\_. Likewise, what should the born-again believer yearn for and desire (1 Pet. 2:2)? \_\_\_\_\_

[The last question was this: "What does a born-again believer yearn for and desire?"—1 Peter 2:2] If a believer has no desire for \_\_\_\_\_ then something must be terribly wrong! A healthy believer therefore should have a real hunger for \_\_\_\_\_. Is there something wrong with a Christian who never wants to read his Bible? \_\_\_\_\_. If a believer truly has a hunger for God's Word, then should he desire to faithfully attend a Bible-teaching church where he can learn more of God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_

The person who truly has been born-again should be able to say these things:  
(take time to reach each verse)

1. "Lord, I truly \_\_\_\_\_ Thy Word" (Psalm 119:97,113,119, 127,167).
2. "Lord, Thy Word is my \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:77; 1:2; 119:16,47,143,174).
3. "Lord, Thy Word is \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:129).
4. "Lord, open my eyes so that I might behold \_\_\_\_\_ things out of Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).
5. "Lord, Thy Word \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes (Psalm 19:8) and gives \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:130; compare verse 105 and 2 Peter 1:19) and gives \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:130).
6. "Lord, Thy Word causes my heart to \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm.19:8; 119:111,162).
7. "Lord, Thy Word is \_\_\_\_\_ than all the money in the world!" (Psalm 119:72).
8. "Lord, Thy Word is more to be \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_. How precious is Thy Word to me!" (Psalm 19:10)
9. "Lord, Thy Word is \_\_\_\_\_ to me than honey and I would rather feed upon Thy Word than enjoy the best food that could ever be prepared for my stomach!" (Psalm 19:10; 119:103).
10. "Lord, truly I have \_\_\_\_\_ after Thy Word" (Psalm 119:40, 131).

The Bible is God's personal love-letter to me and I should read it with that attitude! I should set aside time each day to meet with my God and with my Bible! If I really love the Lord, then I will love to hear Him speak to me! And God speaks to me as I read His precious Word! Do I really love God's Word? Do I really desire God's Word more than riches and material things? Do I enjoy reading the Bible and learning truth from the living God? Do I really hunger for the Word of God? Do I really love to go to church to learn more of the Bible? Is Psalm 19:7-11 really true for me?

**"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."**

**Note:** If a person meditates on one verse from Psalm 119 each day, then he will be able to go through this precious psalm (the longest chapter in the Bible) twice in a year's time!

**Sign of Life #3—A true believer prays to his Heavenly Father  
(Romans 8:15-16).**

One of the ways a baby expresses **life** is by crying. The baby cries when he is hungry, when he is hurt, when he is wet, when he is uncomfortable, etc., but the very fact that he cries proves that the baby must be \_\_\_\_\_! Do dead babies cry? \_\_\_\_ Likewise, when a person is born into God's family (Galatians 3:26), he enjoys a new relationship that he never had before! He now can cry out, " \_\_\_\_\_ " (Romans 8:15; Gal. 4:6; compare Mark 14:36)! He now has a personal knowledge and relationship with the only \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:3) and he is able to call Him his \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:32). He is now able to \_\_\_\_\_ always for \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:20). Because the child of God has had all of his sins completely cleansed and forgiven (Heb. 10:17), he can \_\_\_\_\_ to God (Hebrews 10:22) and he can \_\_\_\_\_ boldly to the \_\_\_\_\_, to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and to find \_\_\_\_\_ to help in time of \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:16). When the believer draws near to God, what does God promise to do (James 4:8; compare Zechariah 1:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer is simply talking to the living God! Just as a baby must learn how to talk, so the believer must learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ to God! We ought to pray as the disciples prayed in Luke 11:1: "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_ ." A baby learns to talk by talking (even though it may not make much sense at first)! A believer learns how to pray by \_\_\_\_\_! The more a believer prays, the easier it will become! Would something be wrong with a child who grew up and never learned how to talk? \_\_\_\_ If a person claims to be a child of God and never talks with the Lord, would you think that something was wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

The early church was a healthy church because the believers continued steadfastly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fellowship, in breaking of bread and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42). How do we know that Daniel was a man of God (Daniel 6:10)? \_\_\_\_\_ How do we know that David was a man of God (Psalm 55:17)? \_\_\_\_\_ How do we know that Paul and Silas were men of God (Acts 16:25)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you enjoy talking to the Lord throughout the day? Do you spend time in prayer every day? Is the prayer meeting service at the church very important to you? Have you learned to give thanks to God for all things? Do you come to His throne of grace and cast all your care upon Him?

**"EXAMINE YOURSELVES, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH."**



**Sign of Life #4—A true believer loves his brothers and sisters in Christ  
(1 John 3:14).**

The Lord Jesus has told us that the person who is a true believer has passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:24). How can I know whether or not I have truly passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_? God’s answer is found in 1 John 3:14: We \_\_\_\_\_ that we have passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. The person who does not \_\_\_\_\_ his brother has not passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ because he still abides \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:14).

There are two things that are true in the life of a person who is a child of the devil (1 John 3:10):

1. He does not live a righteous life.
2. He does not \_\_\_\_\_

What message has God given to the believer (1 John 3:11)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ In 1 John 3:12 we learn that Cain (see Genesis 4:1-11) was a child of \_\_\_\_\_ because two things were true in Cain’s life (1 John 3:12):

1. We know that Cain did not live a righteous life because his own works \_\_\_\_\_
2. We know that Cain did not love his brother because \_\_\_\_\_

Did Cain hate Abel? \_\_\_\_\_ This sin of hatred finally led to the horrible sin of murder! Compare Matthew 5:21-22. Everyone who hates his brother is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:15). What do we know about a murderer (1 Jn. 3:15)? \_\_\_\_\_ Why should we lay down our life for the brethren (1 John 3:16)? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **1 John 3:17** and answer true or false:

- \_\_\_\_\_ This verse is talking about a person who sees a real need in his brother’s life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This person is able to meet this need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This person is willing to meet this need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This person refuses to meet this need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The love of God dwells in this person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This person is probably a true believer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This person is just like the person described in James 2:15-16.

How does God want us to love (1 Jn. 3:18)? \_\_\_\_\_ As believers in Christ, what should we be doing (1 John 4:7)? \_\_\_\_\_ Why should we be doing this (1 John 4:7)? \_\_\_\_\_

There are two things that are true about the person who really loves (1 John 4:7):

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He knows \_\_\_\_\_ (compare John 17:3).

What can we say about the person who does not love (1 John 4:8)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Is God a God of love (1 Jn. 4:8)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, if we  
 are to imitate God as beloved children (see Ephesians 5:1), then what will be true of our  
 lives? \_\_\_\_\_ How do we know that God loved  
 us (1 John 4:9-10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Did God "so love" us (1 John 4:11; compare John  
 3:16)? \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 John 4:11 why should we love one another? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Why do we love (1 John 4:19)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ If a man says that he loves God but hates his brother, what is he  
 (1 John 4:20)? \_\_\_\_\_ If a person hates his visible brother, does he really love  
 the invisible God (1 John 4:20)? \_\_\_\_\_ The person who truly loves God should also \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:21). Please read 1 John 2:9-11 also.

In John 13:34 the Lord Jesus, on the night before He died on the cross, gave His  
 disciples a new commandment: "That ye \_\_\_\_\_ one another; \_\_\_\_\_,  
 that ye also love one another." This means that we should love one another in the same way  
 that \_\_\_\_\_ loved us! Ephesians 4:32 teaches us that we are to forgive \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in the same way that \_\_\_\_\_ forgave us! If Christ could  
 love a rotten sinner like you (see Romans 5:6-8), then can you love your brothers and sisters  
 in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ If Christ could forgive you of all \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:13), then  
 can you forgive those who wrong you? \_\_\_\_\_

How is the world going to know that we are true disciples of Christ (John 13:35)?  
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If a person truly loves his brothers and sisters in Christ, will he desire to assemble  
 together with them in a Bible-teaching church (compare Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did the early church care for one another in love (Acts 2:44-45)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you really love the saints? Do you lay down your life for other believers? Do you  
 give of yourself for others? Do you love them in deed and in truth? Do you pray for them? Do  
 you seek to help them in every way possible? Do you assemble together with God's people  
 as often as possible? Do you love them because Christ loved you?

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**Sign of Life #5—A true believer obeys the Word of God (1 John 2:3).**

The person who has eternal life is the person who \_\_\_\_\_ the only true God and \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has sent (John 17:3). How can we know whether or not we really know Christ as our personal Saviour and Lord? According to 1 John 2:3, if a person truly knows Christ what will he do? \_\_\_\_\_

Consider a person who says, "I'm so glad that I know the Lord Jesus as my Saviour" but as you observe his life you notice that he does not seem to live according to the Word of God. What are two things that are probably true about this person (1 John 2:4)?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

The person who keeps and obeys God's Word is truly the person in whom the \_\_\_\_\_ is perfected (brought to maturity) and the obedient believer can **know** that he is \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (1 John 2:5). If a person is truly abiding in the Lord Jesus, then how should he walk and live (1 John 2:6)? \_\_\_\_\_ To see how our Lord Jesus walked, read carefully the following verses and match them to the proper statements:

1. _____ John 5:30; 6:38	A. The Lord Jesus always kept His Father's Word.
2. _____ John 8:29	B. The Lord Jesus always did those things that pleased His Father.
3. _____ John 8:54-55	C. The Lord Jesus always did His Father's will.

According to 1 John 5:1-2, a person becomes a child of God (*circle the correct answer*):

- a. by believing that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah).
- b. by loving the brethren
- c. by loving God
- d. by keeping and obeying God's commandments

What is the love of God (1 John 5:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

We know that God's commandments are not \_\_\_\_\_ (heavy, burdensome). Is it a heavy burden for us to do what God tells us to do? \_\_\_\_\_ Does God give us commandments so that He can make life miserable for us? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it true that we are usually most miserable when we fail to obey the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ Did David feel that the commandments of the Lord were grievous (Psalm 19:7-11)? \_\_\_\_\_ In Deuteronomy 6:24 we learn that God has commanded us to do certain things "for our \_\_\_\_\_" (compare Deut. 10:13; Jer. 32:39). God wants the very best for us!!

If a person loves Christ, what will he do (John 14:15)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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The person who truly loves Christ is the person who 1) has His \_\_\_\_\_ and 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (obeys) His commandments (John 14:21). If a person really loves the Lord Jesus then he will \_\_\_\_\_ (obey) Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:23). The person who does not love Christ does not \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:24). Therefore, how can the believer show that he really loves the Saviour?

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Should children obey their parents (Col. 3:20)? \_\_\_\_\_ Should slaves obey their masters (Col. 3:22)? \_\_\_\_\_ Should wives obey their husbands (1 Pet. 3:5-6)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore as children of God we should walk as \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 1:14). As love-slaves of God (see 1 Cor. 6:19-20) we should glorify God and \_\_\_\_\_ Him in \_\_\_\_\_ things (compare Col. 3:22). And because the church is the bride of Christ (see Eph. 5:22-23) we should obey \_\_\_\_\_ who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:23).

According to Galatians 3:1 what is it that we should obey? \_\_\_\_\_ What is "the truth" according to Ephesians 1:13 and John 17:17? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Deuteronomy 11:27;13:4; 27:10; 28:62; 30:2,8,20 what should we obey? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Jeremiah 7:23; 11:4,7; 26:13; 38:20; 42:6 what should we obey? \_\_\_\_\_ In what way did the nation of Israel fail (Jeremiah 3:13,25; 9:13; 11:8; 17:23; 32:23; 40:3; 42:21; 43:4,7; 44:23)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23. What commandment did the Lord give to Saul (1 Sam. 15:3)? \_\_\_\_\_ Why would the Lord give such a commandment (read Deut. 7:1-6, especially v.4)? \_\_\_\_\_ In what way did Saul disobey this commandment (1 Sam. 15:8-9)? \_\_\_\_\_ In what way did Saul obey this commandment (1 Sam. 15:8-9)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Saul think that he was obedient to the Lord (v.13)? \_\_\_\_\_ Why did Saul spare the sheep and oxen (v.15)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Samuel think that Saul obeyed the Lord (v.19)? \_\_\_\_\_ What does the Lord desire above everything else (v.22)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is disobedience a serious sin (v.23)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it as horrible in the eyes of God as the sins of witchcraft and idolatry? \_\_\_\_\_ What was it that Saul rejected? \_\_\_\_\_ Whom did God reject (v.23)? \_\_\_\_\_

In Matthew 8:27 what was it that obeyed the voice of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who else obeyed His voice (Mark 1:27)? \_\_\_\_\_ Do dead men obey His  
 voice (John 11:43-44; 1 Thess. 4:16)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, is God asking too much when He  
 expects His children to serve Him in loving obedience? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you really love the Lord  
 Jesus? Do you listen to His voice by reading the Bible every day? Do you love to obey His  
 voice? Do you seek to live your life according to the Word of God? Are you willing to do  
 whatever the Lord tells you to do? Do you really believe that God's commandments are for  
 your good? Are you walking as an obedient child of God?

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**Sign of Life #6—A true believer will not continue in sin but will live a righteous life (1 John 3:7-8).**

The person who is truly born-again will do (practice) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (1 John 2:29). What are two things that we know about the person who sins (1 John 3:6; the  
 word "sinneth" is in the present tense and means "keeps on sinning, continues in sin")?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

The person who truly has been **justified** (declared to be just as righteous as Christ) does  
 (practices) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:7). What do we know about the person who  
 keeps on committing sin (1 Jn. 3:8)? \_\_\_\_\_ Whoever is  
 truly \_\_\_\_\_ of God does not keep on committing \_\_\_\_\_; ...and he cannot \_\_\_\_\_  
 (present tense: "he cannot keep on sinning, he cannot continuously sin") because he is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ " (1 John 3:9). An unsaved person not only hates his  
 brother, but he does not do (practice) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn. 3:10). The born-  
 again person does not \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:18; present tense, "he does not keep on  
 sinning").

What advice would you give an unsaved person (circle the correct answer)?

- a. "You must stop living continuously in sin!" (compare Genesis 19:7)
- b. "You need to start living a righteous life!"
- c. "You must be born again!" (John 3:7)

If a person truly belongs to the Lord (see 2 Timothy 2:19) he will not only name the name  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ but he will also \_\_\_\_\_  
 (unrighteousness). What do we know about people who keep on doing the things listed in  
 Galatians 5:19-21? \_\_\_\_\_

What do we know about the person whose life is characterized by unrighteousness (1 Cor. 6:9-10)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Paul's answer to this question: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Romans 6:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_ (literally this means: "let it not be so" or "may it never be"). Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:15)? \_\_\_\_\_ The natural man (1 Cor. 2:14) thinks this way in his heart: "A saved person should continue living in sin so that everyone will see how gracious and longsuffering God can be towards His wicked children." Is this the attitude a true believer should have? \_\_\_\_\_ The spiritual man (1 Cor. 2:15-16) realizes that the grace of God teaches him to deny two things (Titus 2:11-12):

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been looking up all the
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ verses that are listed on these
- And God's grace teaches him to live three ways: \_\_\_\_\_ worksheets? If not, you are only

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ cheating yourself! Let us saturate our
- (Titus 2:12) 2. \_\_\_\_\_ minds in God's truth so that our lives
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ will be changed!

Here are some of the ways that God's grace teaches us how to live:

- 1. God has graciously forgiven us (Eph. 4:32) and this teaches us that we should \_\_\_\_\_ one another!
- 2. God has graciously loved us (John 13:34) and this teaches us that we should \_\_\_\_\_ one another!
- 3. God has graciously declared us to be just as righteous as His Son (1 John 3:7; compare Rom. 3:24) and this teaches us that we should live a \_\_\_\_\_ life (compare 1 Pet. 2:24).
- 4. God has graciously humbled Himself by becoming a man and even going to the cross (Philippians 2:5-8), and this teaches us that we should humble ourselves and be concerned about the things of \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 2:4).
- 5. God has graciously been merciful to us (Rom. 12:1) and this teaches us that we must present our \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_!
- 6. God has graciously called us unto Himself to be holy (Eph. 4:1), and this teaches us to walk W\_\_\_\_\_ of the calling to which we have been \_\_\_\_\_!

Is your life characterized by right thinking, right acting, right speaking and right living? Have you departed from iniquity? Are you enjoying freedom from the power of sin in your daily life?

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