How Can I Know If I Am Saved

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INTRODUCTION

- If someone were to ask you, are you saved? Even if you're a Christian, what would you say?
- We have to have confidence to know that we can be saved.
- There's no reason anyone has to leave this gathering this morning and not know the answer to the question of, Will I be with my God forever?

1 Confess Our Sins and Trust God's Forgiveness

1 John 1:6–10; 1 John 2:1–2

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- We need to start confessing our sins when it happens.
- Being cleansed from all unrighteousness is something we should access now.
- A, cut out the sin, B, stopped immediately to confess, but C, and most importantly, trusted that God's forgiveness is there for us.

2 We Have to Just Do What God Says

1 John 2:3–6; 1 John 5:2–4

- If you see what John says over and again in this book, we have to just do what God says.
- By this we know that we have come to know him if we keep his commandments.
- For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.
- We don't obey out of some sort of strict law keeping, but out of what? Love for God.
- It's an attitude, a fixation of the mind that says, What? I am committed to my God.

3 Cut Sin Out of Our Lives Right Away

1 John 2:15–17

- We have to cut sin out of our lives and do it right away.
- 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.
- The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.
- We have to proactively be choosing good and cutting off wrong.
- How will we be saved? Through the grace, mercy, and love of God.

4 Live a Life Consumed by Love

1 John 3:15–24; 1 John 4:7–12; Romans 5:8–10

- By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- If I have the ability, and I add in the opportunity, that means that my life will recognize that this is a responsibility.
- Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.
- No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- God is love, and his children must be too.

5 Trust in God's Victory

1 John 5:1–5; 1 John 5:11–13

- This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.
- Whoever has the Son has life. Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.
- Our God is greater than my weakness. We have to trust in him to deliver that victory.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust Him for that deliverance? Do you trust in God enough to do what He says, to turn from your life of wrong and confess your sins?**

MY NOTES