**ASSURANCE of Salvation-**

**Twenty Tests for God’s Children- Selected Scriptures from 1 John-**

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*The test of having partnership or fellowship with Christ and the Father:*

1 John 1:3. \*Do you have an intimate saving relationship with Him? Do you possess eternal life?

*The test of joy:*

1 John 1:4. \*Is the Gospel of Jesus Christ daily bringing you joy? Are you joyful?

*The test of confessing our sin:*

1 John 1:9. When is the last time you confessed your sins? \*Are you continually confessing and turning from your sins?

*The test of broken pattern of sinning:*

1 John 2:1; 3:4-6; 3:8-9; 5:18. Are you practicing any known sin today?

*The test of obedience:*

1 John 2:3-5: 3:22-24; 5:2, 3. Are you obeying God’s commandments—all of them?

*The test of walking as Christ walked:*

1 John 2:6. Do you walk as Christ walked? \*Is it your desire to walk habitually in the truth?

*The test of loving the brethren:*

1 John 2:9-11; 3:10-18; 3:23; 4:7-12; 4:20-5:2. Do you love all the brethren?

*The test of overcoming the wicked one:*

1 John 2:13-14; 5:4,18. \*Is your allegiance to the world, controlled by Satan? Or is your allegiance to the Word controlled by the Holy Spirit?

*The test of not loving the world:*

1 John 2:15-17; 4:4-5. \*Is your life dominated by the lust of the eyes, the flesh and the boastful pride of life? Are there any forms of worldliness in your life?

*The test of persevering to the end:*

1 John 2:19,24. \*Are you staying faithful to the truths of God? \*Is your life as passionate for the Lord today as last year?

*The test of the indwelling Holy Spirit:*

1 John 2:20,27: 3:24: 4:13. \*Is God the Holy Spirit leading you into believing the truths of Scripture? Is He daily convicting you of sin? Is He empowering you to walk in love and obedience to the truth?

*The test of belief:*

1 John 2:23; 3:23; 4:2, 15: 5:1,2,5,10,13,20. Do you really believe that Jesus is the Christ?

*The test of abiding in Him:*

1 John 2:27,28: 4:16. Are you abiding—remaining—in the Father?

*The test of holy living:*

1 John 2:29: 3:3,7. \*Are you living a habitual lifestyle of righteousness or are you living a habitual lifestyle of sin?

*The test of hatred from the world:*

1 John 3:13. When is the last time you received persecution from the world for your stand for Christ?

*The test of answered prayer:*

1 John 3:22: 5:14,15. When is the last time God answered your prayer?

*The test of overcoming false teachers:*

1 John 4:4. Can you discern a false teacher?

*The test of no fear in judgment:*

1 John 2:28; 4:17,18. Are you fearful of the rapture and the judgment to come?

*The test of loving God:*

1 John 4:19-5:1. Do you love God? Does it show itself in your actions and by your love to others?

*The test of keeping ourselves from idols:*

I John 5:21. Some good questions to ask yourself when determining whether or not you are committing idolatry:

1. What is on your mind most of the time?
2. What do you long for or wish for?
3. What is really important to you?
4. What do you have your heart set on?
5. What or who has your deepest affection?
6. What is your ultimate priority?
7. What is your greatest fear?

“In this uncertain age in which we live, there are numerous things that will remain uncertain and unstable and unknown. But for the children of the King, there is one thing that you can know for certain: that you have eternal life. Do you have eternal life? If you do not, why not make that commitment to His Lordship today?”

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