

23 Birthmarks of the Believer

There is a difference between the **security** of our salvation and the **assurance** of our salvation. The security of our salvation is wrapped up entirely in the person and work of Jesus Christ. But many people who are saved lack the assurance because they are not walking in obedience to God.

Take note of these 23 "birthmarks" for a true believer from 1 John. Use this list personally and share it with others. There is a certainty to Bible salvation. You can know!

1. Believers are depending on Jesus Christ alone (1:1-4, 5:1).
2. Believers desire light, not darkness (1:5-7).
3. Believers acknowledge the truth about self and sin (1:8-10).
4. Believers walk in obedience (2:1-4).
5. Believers have experienced the love of God (2:5-6).
6. Believers begin to love both their enemy and their brother (2:7-11).
7. Believers have God's assurance in writing (2:12-14).
8. Believers show evidence of spiritual growth and victories (2:12-14).
9. Believers love the Lord instead of this world (2:15-17).

10. Believers give unfailing allegiance to Christ (2:18-25).
11. Believers have the Holy Spirit as their Teacher (2:20, 26-27).
12. Believers want to be right with God and ready to meet Him (2:28-29).
13. Believers possess divine power to conquer sin and defeat Satan (3:1-10).
14. Believers bear the mark of God's love and the fruit of the Spirit (3:10-20).
15. Believers develop growing confidence as they obey God (3:21-23).
16. Believers have the witness of the Spirit within (3:24-4:6).
17. Believers know the love of God and respond by loving God and others (4:7-12).
18. Believers witness to others because of the Spirit in them (4:13-15).
19. Believers maintain a constantly maturing love (4:16-21).
20. Believers demonstrate a victorious faith and loving obedience (5:1-6).
21. Believers have both knowledge and experience of the truth (5:7-13).
22. Believers receive answers to prayer (5:14-17).
23. Believers are kept by God and keep themselves for God (5:18-21).

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

- 1 John 5:13 -



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