

EXAMINE YOURSELF

to see if you are of the faith (2 Cor 13:5)

When I am a genuine Christian, there is evidence that I have a personal and biblical relationship with God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, who lives in me.

If I choose to follow Jesus with all my life; God has given me certain promises that apply to me.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. **Acts 1:8**

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. **Philippians 2:12-13**

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **Romans 8:11**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **Galatians 5:22-24**

We are to test ourselves to see if Jesus is working and living through us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! **2 Corinthians 13:5**

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. **Philippians 2:12-15**

There is evidence and proof that we are in Christ, that Christ lives through my life, and that the Holy Spirit is present. Read Psalm 139.

1. We will have a growing love (agape love) for God.

We love because He first loved us. **1 John 4:19**

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. **Mark 12:30**

2. We will have a growing love for others.

By this all people will know that You are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:35**

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. **1 John 4:20**

"The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." **Mark 12:31**

3. We will strive to obey God's commandments.

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." **John 14:15**



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Psalm 101:2

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. **1 John 5:2-3**

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. Whoever says "I know Him" but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. **1 John 2:3-5**

4. We will know we are going to heaven when we die.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. **1 John 4:17-18**

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **Romans 8:16**

5. We will have a desire to connect with God through reading the Bible and praying.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. **Jude 1:20-21**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation **1 Peter 2:2**

I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. **Psalms 119:16**

For I find my delight in Your commandments, which I love. **Psalms 119:47**

6. We will have a desire to serve God and others for His glory.

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. **1 John 3:17-18**

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:15-17**

7. We will have a desire to tell others about God.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses **Acts 1:8**

8. We will have a growing awareness of sin in our lives.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **Psalms 51:3**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **1 John 1:8**

If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. **1 John 1:10**

I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. **Psalms 101:2-4**

9. We will grow in maturity.

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **Romans 8:11**

So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, **Ephesians 4:14**

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:22-24**

10. We will want to fulfill our purpose here on earth so that our lives will count for eternity.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:20-21**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10**

