

Following Jesus with Certainty

1 John 5:13

Is there a way to know you are truly saved?

Is there a way to be certain?

How do we know whether or not we are truly Christians?

What are the tell-tale marks of a genuine Believer?

2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

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!

You can know with certainty!

1. The Promise of Certainty

1 John 5:13 (ESV) — 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.

2. The Provision of Certainty

1 John 2:2 (NLT) — He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

John 14:6 (ESV) — I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. The Poison against Certainty

1 John 4:1 (ESV) — Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Luke 13:23–25 (ESV) — And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’”

4. The Path to Certainty

1 John 1:8–9 (ESV) — If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 10:9–10 (ESV) — If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one

believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

5. The Proof for Certainty

1 John 2:3–5 (ESV) — And 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

6. The Power for Certainty

1 John 2:6 (ESV) — By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.