



Matthew 3:8 – The proof is in what you DO.

- We don't change our lives in order to be saved; When we're saved, that's what changes our lives
- **True faith always results in a changed life**
- Our obedience is the evidence of true saving faith
- Belief = faith in action (James 2:14-20)
- When we obey Him, we prove that we love Him. (John 14:15, 21)
- **Would there be enough evidence to convict you if you were to stand trial for your faith in Jesus?**
- We must examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5)

3 test questions to help you examine and ultimately prove your faith

1. What is your relationship with SIN?

- New creation = new relationship with sin
- Are you sensitive to sin?
- Lifestyle of living for Jesus ≠ lifestyle of sin (1 John 3:7-9)
- God's promise to forgive (1 John 1:9)

2. What is your relationship with the WORD?

- Is it part of your daily life?
- It's our "owner's manual" on life (2 Timothy 3:16)
- What kind of relationship should we have?
 - Psalm 119 (11, 15-16, 40, 47, 56, 97, 103, 111, 114, 120)
- Why is this important? The Word = Jesus (John 1:1-5)
- How to know that you know that you know Jesus....
 - 1 John 2:3-6
- Loving him = lifestyle of obedience
- Jesus (the Word) is the only standard of measurement we can use to truly examine ourselves

3. What is your relationship with OTHERS?

- Cannot be a follower of Jesus without loving others (John 13:35)
- Would you give your life for someone else? (1 John 3:14-19)
- Your life is your witness

*"Work hard to **prove** that you really are among those God has called and chosen."* – 2 Peter 1:10, NLT

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