

## Discipleship

### (Assurance)

How do I know that I am really saved or “born again”?

1. God says so

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”  
(I John 5:11,12)

“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.” (I John 5:13)

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.” (John 10:27-29)

2. God’s Spirit testifies with our spirit

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...”  
(Romans 8:16)

3. Our changed life

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (II Corinthians 5:17)

4. Love for other believers

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.”  
(I John 3:14)

5. A desire to share the Gospel with others (example below)

“For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God...” (I Thessalonians 1:8,9)

6. A desire to live a life to please God

“And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.” (I John 3:3-7)

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...” (Titus 2:11, 12)

7. God’s promise

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” (John 6:37)

8. Additional Bible references for assurance of salvation

“And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.”  
(I John 2:3)

“because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.” (I Thessalonians 1:5)

“But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.” (II Timothy 1:12)

“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:22)

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;” (I John 3:18, 19)

“By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.”  
(I John 4:13)

“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.” (I John 5:10)

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...” (Romans 8:16)

“And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!” (Galatians 4:6)