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In our last lesson we discussed the first of a five-part series related to a very important question that we should all seriously consider, “How Can I KNOW If God Has Saved Me?” Let’s continue with Part Two today as we “examine” ourselves with several questions based on the biblical evidences of salvation:

(1) Do you have spiritual peace with God? John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”* Romans 5:1 *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(2) Does the Holy Spirit give you assurance that you are born of God? John 6:29 *“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”* Romans 8:16 *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”*

(3) Are the “works of the flesh” diminishing in your life and are you continuing to turn from your sins? Galatians 5:19–21 *“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

(4) Is the “fruit of the Spirit” becoming more evident in your life? Galatians 5:22–23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

(5) Are you able to love God and your fellow man also? Matthew 22:37–39 *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* Matthew 5:43–45 *“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”* 1 John 4:19 *“We love him, because he first loved us.”* 1 John 4:21 *“And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”*

(6) Are you finding that the pleasures of this world do not interest you as much as they did in the past? 1 John 2:15–17 *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”* Romans 12:2 *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

(7) Do you have an earnest and a continual desire to obey the will of God as set forth in the Bible? John 14:15 *“If ye love me [Jesus Christ], keep my commandments.”* Philippians 2:12–13 *“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* Romans 2:13 *“For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.”* James 1:22 *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”* 1 John 2:3–5 *“And hereby we do know that we know him [Jesus Christ], if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”*

In the next three lessons we will ask ourselves some more questions based on the biblical evidences of salvation to help us “examine” the condition of our souls. May God open our spiritual understanding of these important verses.