

5 Birthmarks of the Christian:

How to be Certain of Your Salvation

As we carefully read through 1 John, we notice a five-fold argument for the assurance of salvation—five of the birthmarks of the Christian.

The Birthmark of Confession

The first is the birthmark of confession:

1Jn 4:15 Whoever _____ that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

John 3:18 "He who _____ in Him is not condemned; but he who does _____ is condemned already, because he has not believed in the _____ of the only begotten Son of God.

1Jn 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the _____ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him, who was begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we _____ God and _____ His commandments.

John 14:21 He who has My commandments and _____ them, it is he who _____ Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

The Birthmark of Change

The Second is a changed life:

When Jesus truly saves us, it makes a difference in how we:

Belief:	Thinking:
Action:	Speaking:
Conduct:	

1 John 2:29 "Everyone who practices _____ is born of Him."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone *is* in _____, *he is* a new _____; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not _____.

1Jn 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our _____.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who _____ that Jesus is the _____?

The Birthmark of Compassion

The Third is based on Love:

How can you know that you are a Christian?

By what you believe, by how you live, and by whom you love.
Love is a recurring theme in 1 John, and it reveals the true Christians.

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we _____ the brethren. He who does not love _____ abides in death.

1Jn 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a _____, and you know that no murderer has _____ abiding in him.

1Jn 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down _____ for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has this world's _____, and sees his brother in _____, and shuts up his _____ from him, how does the _____ of God abide in him?

1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one _____, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is _____ of God and _____ God.

1Jn 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is _____.

1Jn 4:9 In this the love of God was _____ toward us, that God has sent His only _____ into the world, that we might live through _____.

1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we _____ God, but that He _____ us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our _____.

The Birthmark of Conflict

The Fourth is conflict with the ways of the unsaved world:

1 John 5:4, "Whatever is born of God _____ the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our Faith."

"The word *overcome* implies a struggle."

1Jn 2:15 Do not _____ the world or the _____ in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father _____ in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the _____, the lust of the _____, and the pride of _____—is not of the Father but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world is _____, and the _____ of it; but he who does the will of God abides _____.

**Eve (Gen 3:1-6) and the temptations of
Jesus (Mat 4:1-11), these three sins include all possible sins
*"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."***

The Birthmark of Conduct

The Fifth demonstrates our understanding of Grace

Our desire to conduct ourselves in a way that pleases God.

1 John 3:9, "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

The word for sin is a present active continuation in practice. John is saying, in effect, “Whoever keeps on willfully sinning, violating God’s law with stubborn disregard and ongoing wickedness, cannot have assurance of salvation.”

Heb_10:26 For if we sin _____ after we have received the knowledge of the _____, there no longer remains a sacrifice for _____,
Heb 10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of _____, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Heb 10:31 It is a _____ thing to fall into the hands of the _____.

Read 1 John 1:1-10

Humanity faces the same temptations

The three big temptations

- 1. Self-preservation (Matthew 4:3,4)
- 2. Self-elevation (Matthew 4:5-7)
- 3. Self-sufficiency (Matthew 4:8-10)