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Sunday, February 3, 2008

“IS IT REAL?”

(1 John 5:13)

John wrote this letter we call First John with a purpose, “*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life*” (1 John 5:13). In our series on the Lordship of Christ we discover that Lordship provides several layers of assurance of salvation. You can be sure that it’s real.

1. Have You Enjoyed Fellowship with _____?
(1 John 1:2-3).

2. Are You Sensitive to _____? (1 John 1:5-6).

3. Do You Obey _____? (1 John 2:3).

4. Do You Reject This _____? (1 John 2:15).

5. Do You Eagerly Await _____? (1 John 3:2-3).

6. Do You See a _____ of Sin in Your Life?
(1 John 3:10).

7. Do You Love _____? (1 John 3:10).

8. Do You Experience _____? (1 John 5:13-15).

9. Do You Experience the Ministry of the _____?
(1 John 4:13).

10. Can You Discern between Spiritual _____?
(1 John 4:1-3).

11. Have You _____ Because of Your Faith?
(1 John 3:13).

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“So the principle evidence of saving grace is holy practice.” (Jonathan Edwards)

“We want to be ‘spiritual’ and we want to have God’s favor but we’re not sure we want Him taking control of our lives and messing with the image and outcomes we’ve worked so hard to produce.” (George Barna)

1. Have You Enjoyed Fellowship with Christ and the Father?

“The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:2-3).

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

2. Are You Sensitive to Sin?

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).

“If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth” (1 John 1:6).

3. Do You Obey God’s Word?

“We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands” (1 John 2:3).

4. Do You Reject This Evil World?

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

5. Do You Eagerly Await Christ’s Return?

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure” (1 John 3:2-3).

6. Do You See a Decreasing Pattern of Sin in Your Life?

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother” (1 John 3:10).

7. Do You Love Other Christians?

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother” (1 John 3:10).

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35).

8. Do You Experience Answered Prayer?

“And receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him” (1 John 3:22).

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him” (1 John 5:13-15).

9. Do You Experience the Ministry of the Holy Spirit?

“We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit” (1 John 4:13).

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children” (Romans 8:16).

10. Can You Discern between Spiritual Truth and Error?

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world” (1 John 4:1-3).

11. Have You Suffered Rejection Because of Your Faith?

“Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you” (1 John 3:13).

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13).