

• INTRODUCTION

- If you are really born again, there should be some tangible proof that you are not the way you used to be.
- Let me take you to the epistle of 1 John. We are going to see what the Bible has to say about tangible evidence.
- Some may say, you are baptized when you are a child
- Some others may say, that they are baptized in ELBC or some other church.

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- BUT ARE YOU REALLY SAVED AND SURE ABOUT IT.
- o Apostle John in his Gospel gave the clearest gospel-truth.
- In his **epistle**, John gives us the evidence of salvation throughout first John.
- Some tangible ways that your life will change when you are saved, not just say that you are saved.
- o John in this 1st epistle brought out Twenty tangible evidences that you can look for in your life to know whether you are saved or not.

- When you see a doctor, first thing they do is a check your vital signs.
- Let us look together some of these vital signs John gives us

• 1. You can know you are saved if you walk in the God's light.

1 John 1:6 "If we say we have fellowship with him, (in other words, you say you are saved) and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

- 2. To walk in god's light, you have to know where to find it. Now if you have a Bible, you have God's light.
 - o"His word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Psalm 119:05.

3. You know you are saved if you have a keen sense of your own sinfulness.

1 John 1:18 "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him, God, a liar and His word is not in us."

• 4. If you are born again, you will live in willful obedience to God's Word.

• 1 John 2:3. "Now by this we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says I know Him and does not keep His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoever keep His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in him"

- 5. You know that you are born again if you no longer have a feeling of love with what captivates the world.
 - 1 John 2:15 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

- 6. You do the things that are right in God's eyes.
 - 1John 2:29, "If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone that practices righteousness is born of him."

- 7. You eagerly anticipate the return of the Lord.
 - o 1 John 3:1 "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called the children of God...but we know that when he is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

- 8. If you have a desire to live a godly life, a life of purity, that's one of the tangible evidence that you are born again.
 - 1 John 3:3 "And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as He is pure.

- 9. If you experience a growing freedom from sinful behavior, from the old lifestyle of your sin, that's one of the pieces of evidence that you are born again.
 - 1 John 3:6 "Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. "Anyone born of God does not sin" the verb is in the present tense.

10. You have a genuine love for other believers.

- o 1 John 3:14 "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death."
- The Christians have a special love for those who also love their Savior.