

1 John 1:1-4; 5:13 (NASB) “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life – and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us – what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1. You can know you have eternal life if you have RECEIVED Jesus Christ as Lord.

1 John 5:11-13 (NASB) “And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has (the) life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have (the) life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.”

2. You can know you have eternal life if you KEEP His COMMANDMENTS.

1 John 2:3-5 (NASB) “And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.”

John 14:23 (NIV) “Jesus replied, “If anyone love me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

3. You can know you have eternal life if you WALK as Christ WALKED.

1 John 2:5-6 (NASB) “By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”

- a. Christ walked in PURITY. (Hebrews 4:15, Galatians 5:17, 1 John 5:4)
- b. Christ walked in HONESTY. (John 14:6)
- c. **Christ walked in SELFLESSNESS**. (John 15:13-14)
- d. **Christ walked in TRANSPARANCY**. (1 John 1:7)
- e. **Christ walked with PURPOSE**. (Jn 4:34; Jn 14:10; Lu 19:10)

4. You can know you have eternal life if you PERSEVERE in your FAITH.

1 John 2:18-20 (NASB) “Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.”

Those who are born of Christ exhibit a change in their lives.

- Matthew 12:33; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 5:9

Matthew 10:22 (NASB) "You will be hated by all on account of my name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved."

5. You can know you have eternal life if you live above habitual sin.

1 John 23:9 (Amp) "No one born (begotten) of God (deliberately and knowingly) habitually practices sin, for God's nature abides in him – His principle of Life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him – and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God.

6. You can know you have eternal life if you LOVE the brethren.

1 John 3:14 (NASB) "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death."

1 John 47-12 (NASB) "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us."

7. You can know you have eternal life if His SPIRIT abides in you.

1 John 3:24 (NASB) "The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

Application: Take this simple test of security and witness.

I know with absolute assurance that I have received Jesus Christ as Lord.
 Yes No I'm not sure

I keep His commandments.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

My walk is an imitation of the way Christ walked while He was on earth.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I demonstrate a persevering faith.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Though I struggle with sin daily I am becoming victorious over a habitual sin life.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

My life demonstrates a deep love and commitment to my fellow believers.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I am daily aware of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in my life.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Memory verse: John 5:13 (NIV) "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."