Biblical Evidence of Genuine Christianity



- Day 6
- John 17:3; John 10:1-4, 9, 14, 26-29 Day 7 —
- Day 8 Romans 8:9-14; Galatians 2:20 ____
- Day 9 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 139:23-24; Proverbs 28:13 ____
- Day 10 Luke 5:1-8; Luke 18:8-14
- Galatians 1:10; 1 Peter 1:13-19 Day 11 ____
- Day 12 1 John 2:28-3:10; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Matthew 7:16-20 ____
- Ephesians 4:20-5:21 Day 13

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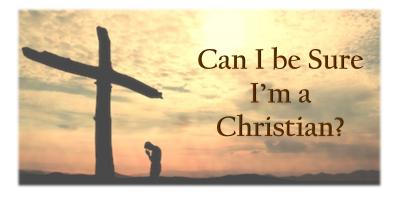
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- Hebrews 12:1-11; Philippians 1:6 Day 14 ____
- 1 John 2:3-6, 18-27; 4:1-6; 5:1-3 Day 15 ____
- John 3:36; Acts 6:7; Joshua 1:7-8; James 1:22-26 Day 16
- Day 17 John 8:31-47; John 14:15, 21-26; John 17:14-17 ____
- Psalm 119:1-56 Day 18
- Day 19 Psalm 119:57-120
- Day 20 Psalm 119:121-176 ____
- Day 21 1 John 2:7-11; 3:14-18; 4:7-21; 5:1-2 ____
- Romans 5:5-8; Galatians 5:14-25; Day 22 ____
- Day 23 Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:34-35; John 15:9-13 ____
- Day 24 Ephesians 3:14-19; Ephesians 5:2 ____
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Day 25 ____
- Day 26 1 John 2:12-17; Colossians 3:1-3 ____
- Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 14:26-27; Galatians 2:20, 5:25 Day 27
- Day 28 Philippians 3:7-21
- 1 John 3:11-13; John 15:18-20 Day 29 ____
- Day 30 Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:12 ____
- Acts 5:27-42; Revelation 12:17; 14:12 Day 31





"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may <u>know</u> that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13)

IF SOMEONE GOES TO CHURCH AND SAYS THEY "BELIEVE IN JESUS", DOES THAT MEAN THEY ARE TRULY

A CHRISTIAN? In Matthew 7:13-23, Jesus Himself tells us that not everyone who calls Him Lord will enter heaven. Christ tells us that there are MANY on the wide road of religion that name the name of Christ yet do not know Him – and the end of that wide road leads to eternal destruction because they have not truly been born from above (John 3:3). They have a false assurance of a supposed salvation that is not real. (Scriptures in Days 2-4 of our Reading Plan provide God's description of someone that professes to be a Christian, but sadly are deceived.) Therefore, if Jesus warned us that MANY have a false assurance of their salvation, it must be important for us to examine ourselves to make sure we truly are a Christian (2 Corinthians 13:5).

So, where do we start? We go to God with an open Bible and ask Him by His Spirit to assess our life in accordance to His Word as to whether we are truly a Christian – and one of the best places to start is in the Book of 1 John. The Holy Spirit moved in the Apostle John to write this letter so that true Christians can have absolute Biblical assurance of their salvation (1 John 5:13). Yes, that's correct! We can know that God has truly saved us and has given us eternal life (John 17:3).

In the Book of 1 John, God gives us His standard of evidence that will be found to some degree in the life of every true Christian. In our 31-Day Scripture Reading Plan, you will find SEVEN BIBLICAL MARKS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN.

Christians Enjoy Fellowship with God (Days 6-8). A Christian has a vital, living relationship with God through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is more than believing facts about Jesus. A Christian has an overwhelming sense of God's forgiveness, the peace and joy of His nearness, the sweet communion of prayer, the overwhelming sense of His grace, the reality of His infinite love, and so much more. A Christian experiences an abundant life with God here and now in Christ.

Christians are Sensitive to Sin and Confess it (Days 9-11). While not immune to sin, a true Christian feels the heavy weight of God's conviction of sin; makes no excuses for sin; doesn't try to cover up sin; confesses what God calls sin as sin; willingly turns away from sin with the help of the Holy Spirit; is thankful for God's forgiveness in Christ (1 John 1:9); and by God's grace grows in gradual victory over sin. A true Christian will never reach sinlessness in this life, but should increasingly sin less. A true Christian desires and seeks to live holy before God because they want unhindered communion with Him, a strong witness of Christ, and a life that brings Him glory.

A Christian is Progressively Conforming in Christlikeness (Days 12-14). A true Christian knows Christ, follows Christ, and in daily life is becoming more and more like Christ exhibiting a character of righteousness and holiness that honors and glorifies God.

A Christian Obeys God's Word (Days 15-20). True salvation will produce a new lifestyle of heartfelt obedience to God and His Word that can clearly be seen by others. Being not just hearers of God's Word but doers of it, the obedience isn't selective or a burden. A true Christian has a desire for the Word of God; is growing in the comprehension of Scripture as well as the discernment of false doctrine.

A Christian Loves (Days 21-25). The love of Christ permeates the heart of a true Christian and gives a new capacity and desire to love others. This love is a sacrificial, selfless love for God the Father, for the Lord Jesus Christ, for fellow Christians, and for a world in need all around us. This is one of the greatest evidences of true salvation.

A Christian exhibits Increasing Affection & Greater Commitment to God (Days 26-28). A true Christian is continually growing closer to God and in their commitment to live for Him and to serve Him. Love for Christ drives out love for this world. We no longer crave the world's approval or possessions, and what possessions we are blessed to have we hold lightly. A Christian sees Christ as the greatest priority and treasure in their life.

A Christian will Suffer Rejection Because of their Faith (Days 29-31). As a true Christian lives for Christ, those that oppose Christ will rise up against them. Christians are willing to suffer hardship for the Lord Jesus Christ.