

Saved and Certain
I John 2

2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

1 John 5:13 (HCSB)

I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

I John 2:3-11 (HCSB)

This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping His commands. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," without keeping His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God is perfected. This is how we know we are in Him: the one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked. Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command, but an old command that you have had from the beginning. The old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Three Questions to Ask:

I. Do I have a growing desire to keep His Word?

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John 14:15, 21, 23 (HCSB)

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word."

II. Does my life increasingly reflect the image of Christ?

I John 2:5b - 6 (HCSB)

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Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

1 Peter 2:23 (NIVUS)

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

III. Do I have a deepening love for God's people?

I John 2:7-8 (HCSB)

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John 13:34 (HCSB)

I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.

The New Law of Love:

- We love others because we love Him.
- We love others because Jesus set the example.

I John 2:8 (HCSB)

“I am writing you a new command, which is true in Him and in you...”

- We love others to give a consistent testimony to the light.

I John 2:9-11 (HCSB)

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