

know THAT YOU KNOW

Part 3 – The Test: How To Be Sure You Are Going To Heaven
I John 2:3-11

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*I John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may **know** that you have eternal life."*

*2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; **test** yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?"*

I. THE "HAVE YOU DONE IT RIGHT?" TEST

A. *John 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has **crossed over** from death to life." (Jesus)*

B. The problem is **sin**.

1. *Romans 3:23 "For all have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,"*

2. *Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is **death**..."*

C. There are things people are counting upon that **won't** get them to heaven.

1. *Ephesians 2:8-9* “God saved you by His special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”
2. *Titus 3:5* “He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy.”

D. There is one thing that will get me to heaven.

1. *Romans 5:8-9* “But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God’s judgment.”
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Why did He come?

E. *John 5:24* “I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”

F. Believing requires commitment.

II. THERE IS THE “HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE?” TEST (I John 2: 3-11)

A. If I have truly been saved, I will begin to steer my life by the Bible. (I John 2:3-6)

1. *1 John 2:3-5* “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.”
2. When a person becomes a Christian there is a change that happens in his life.
3. Since I made a commitment to Christ have I begun to steer my life by God’s Word?

B. If I have truly been saved, I will have a new love in my heart for others who are Christ followers and those who are not. (I John 2:9-11)

1. *1 John 2:9-11* Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.”
2. One of the evidences that we know Christ is that we want to be with others

