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(The Assurance of Salvation)

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HOW CAN YOU <u>KNOW</u> YOU ARE SAVED *(BORN AGAIN)?*

(read I John 5:13; note: the word "know" appears 35 times in this small epistle)

You can be assured of your salvation if you pass the 3 tests
in I John.

A. <u>DOCTRINAL</u> TEST (THE TEST OF OUR _____)

[Trust the facts of God's Word]

1. Do you accept Christ's _____?

   a. You must believe that Jesus is the Messiah (I Jn. 2:21-22; 5:1a)

   b. You must accept the Son just as you accept the Father (They are equal) (v.23-25)

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B. SOCIAL TEST (THE TEST OF OUR _____)

(The word "love" appears 21 times in this Epistle)

1. Do you have a genuine love for _____? (I Jn.4:19-21)

2. Do you have a genuine love for _____ _____?
(I Jn.2:7-11; 3:10-24; * 4:7, 5:1)

[The right attitude will produce the right action - obedience]

C. MORAL TEST (THE TEST OF OUR _____)

(The apostle John gives several signs in your life that show that you have truly been saved. Note: And not one time is the gift of tongues mentioned, contrary to the beliefs of some today)

1. What is your relationship to God's word?

   a. Are you walking in the _____? (I Jn.1:5-7)

   b. Are you obeying His _____? (I Jn.2:3-6)

   c. Are you practicing _____? (I Jn.2:29)

2. What is your relationship to sin?

   a. Do you habitually practice _____? (I Jn.3:9; 5:18)

   b. Are you overcoming the _____? (I Jn.5:4; cp.2:15-17)

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[The right actions will produce the right feelings]

Concl. summary chart:

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