



JOHN'S EPISTLES
"EVIDENCE OF SALVATION"
TEXT: 1ST JOHN 2:3-6
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I. Introduction

If there was ever a test to take in order to verify something important, it would be John's test here—the test of true Christianity.

II. To Truly Know (v. 3)

- a. Being certain about God's work in our lives
- b. The covenant of grace

III. To Falsely Know (v. 4)

- a. Not sinlessness but integrity
- b. The way we live our lives matters

IV. To Assuredly Know (v. 5-6)

- a. Knowing through our experience in walking with Christ obediently
- b. Living like you have been spiritually regenerated is *very* noticeable

V. Conclusion

Obedience manifests out of mature love. If you do not obey Jesus out of love, then whatever kind of love you have for him, it is an immature kind of love. Our love for Jesus should be ever-widening and ever-deepening.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
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Kick Starters...

1. Why are tests important in our lives?
2. What have been some challenging test(s) in your life?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. What is the difference between 'knowing God' and 'knowing about God?' How does this affect someone's understanding of Christianity?
5. God does not appreciate phonies. Read Titus 1:16 together. What is Paul's point?
6. No Christian is immune from sin. With that reality, why do our actions matter in regard to our profession of faith in Christ? (hints: Psalm 40:8, Psalm 119:10-11; Matt. 12:34-35; Rom 6:17)
7. Read John 8:55 together. These are tough words from Jesus to an audience of faith fakers. Discuss why they are so significant when we consider 'abiding' in Christ versus being hypocritical to those around us?
8. Read Micah 6:8, 1st Sam. 15:22, Jer. 7:22-23 together. What does it mean to "keep God's word" in our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ?
9. Imitating our Savior from John 15:4-5. How does this describe what our daily conduct should look like in life?

Execute the text

10. How are you doing personally and as a Growth Group in discussing the evidences of your walk with Christ? Share prayer requests together in how to strengthen your walk and daily depth of your faith.