

## Biblical Tests of Assurance/Conversion

Everyone wants to be sure—we want to know that we are saved. We are, if we truly believe, held by His grace, all by His grace. It's about faith! It's all about faith Hebrews 11:1. The reality is only really YOU know if you're saved or not.

However, Jesus says in Matthew 7:7-10 that we ought not to be confused as to what is and is not regarding our conversion. He gives the example of asking for a fish and getting a serpent. Moreover, He continues to warn us about "how" to enter in. In where? In salvation.

Jesus gives a great example Chapter 7:16-20 using the example of a tree. The idea is not of trees changing with seasons for that is of a process that is healthy, but of what is produced—FRUIT! The concept is this; a healthy, vibrant, living tree will produce fruit. A dying or dead tree will produce no fruit at all (See also Mark 11:12-14, 20-21; John 15:1-6; Galatians 2:16; 3:11; James 2:17-26; 3:11-13).

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5)

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:16-17)

What is assurance? It means certainty, to feel sure, make certain. In the New Testament Greek the word means "confidence." What does conversion mean? To change or the act of changing. In the New Testament Greek the word means "to turn around."

Here are the six tests of assurance from 1 John. Read them and check yourself. You have to be doing and living in all six.

1. 1 John 1:6, (cross to Galatians 5:19,21) 8-10; 3:6, 8-10 (not denying we have sin)
2. 1 John 2:3,6; 3:24 (commandments/obey daily)
3. 1 John 2:9; 3:11,14,18,19; 4:7,8,16,20; 5:2,3 (love/not hate)

4. 1 John 2:29; 3:7 (walk in righteousness daily)
5. 1 John 4:2,3,13 (Having the Spirit)
6. 1 John 5:13 (believe in Jesus)

Here are the nine tests of conversion. Read them and check yourself.

1. Repent - Matthew 3:2, 8; 4:17; Mark 1:15; 2:17; Luke 13:3; 24:47.
2. Believe - Matthew 9:28,29; Mark 5:36; 9:23; 16:16-18; John 1:12; 3:15,16,18; 6:29,40; Romans 10:9-13; Ephesians 1:13.
3. Born Again - John 3:3; 6:65; 14:6, 23 Hebrews 6:4.
4. Righteousness/Word of God - Matthew 5:6; 21:12,13; Acts 6:4; Colossians 3:1-4; John 8:31.
5. Forgiveness - Matthew 6:14; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13.
6. Love - John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Galatians 5:22; Colossians 3:14.
7. Truth - John 8:32; 14:6; 2 John 1:4.
8. Spirit - John 14:17; Romans 8:1,2,5,9-11,13,13; Galatians 4:4-6; 5:22-25; Ephesians 1:13,14.
9. Hatred of Sin - Romans 6:11-14,18,19; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 4:1-4; John 8:34.