

## Test Our Walk

### 1John

Jesus is the way to heaven

*John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If we walk with him and talk with him along the way our destiny is certain

The Bible gives unerring directions as we walk with god

The Bible urges us to check to be sure we are in the straight & narrow

*1John 1:3-4* that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

The seven tests of our walk with god are easy to find in 1 John

### Walk In The Light

*1John 1:6-7* If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If you claim to be walking in the light and there is known, unrepented sin in your life, you lie, do not the truth and are not walking with Christ

*Ephesians 5:13* But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,

A genuine christian enjoys walking in fellowship with God and Furthermore he enjoys fellowship with other christians along their joyful way to heaven

Light not only reveals sins, but it heals and gives life. Willful abiding in sin will keep you from fellowship with Christ, but on the other hand fellowship with Christ will keep you from temptation to sin willfully.

### Admit You Are A Sinner

*1John 1:8-10* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

You cannot walk with God and continue the practice of willful sin

God's word, if we read it, continues showing us the sin in our lives

Some of the most deceptive and subtle sins for a christian to conquer are pride, lack of trust, anger, love of pleasure, envy and gossip

### Obey God's Will

*1John 2:4-5* Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

If you claim to be a christian and disobey him, you are simply a liar

The christian is motivated by love more than fear

Christ's commandments are all demonstrated by his examples more than by arbitrary commands to do unreasonable rites

*John 15:14-17* You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Our faith is built on the foundation of love

As we continue to abide in Christ and manifest our faith in him in countless ways throughout the remaining days of our lives, we do so because we continually love him more and more

### Imitate Christ

**1John 2:6** *whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

We become more godly by becoming Christ like in every area of our lives

A little child learns to walk by holding the finger of its parent

Following in the footsteps of Jesus is one sure test of our walk with God

### **Love Others**

**1John 2:9** *Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.*

The supreme test, the highest pinnacle of all the Christian graces, is love

John has more to say about agape, divine love, than any other NT writer

Love changes a person

There are two worldly attitudes toward others which will be overcome by love; Hatred, Indifference

The extent of love goes beyond love of self, or family, or clique, or nation

### **Relationship To The World**

**1John 2:15-17** *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions--is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

Christians live in a present evil world, but they are just passing through

**Galatians 1:3-5** *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**1Peter 2:11** *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

When a christian finds himself loving the world more than he loves the church he is treading off the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life and walking on the devil's broad way that leads to destruction

All sins, come from an evil heart with three doors that open to deadly destinies; Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes, Pride of life

### **Prove The Righteousness Of Christ By The Righteousness In Your Life**

**1John 2:29** *If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*

A true child of God acknowledges Christ with his lips and with his life

The world watches christians like a hawk watches a chicken. The world watches christians to see if they do righteousness

Christ is the vine; christians are the branches. Christians bear the same fruit that Christ bears and that is righteousness

Righteousness means upright, the quality of being right or just

**Hebrews 10:26-31** *For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

### **Test Your Walk**

If the christian will honestly and sincerely take John's seven-part test to determine if he is really walking with God, then he will know about his salvation

The key word in John's first epistle is know

Look to 1John and see what you can know about your eternal salvation