

## Eleven Ways to Know You're Lost



*“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?”* [I Corinthians 13:5]

During the Great Awakening in colonial America in the early 1700s men like Johnathan Edwards and George Whitefield “called upon the people within and without the churches to move beyond intellectual and theoretical religious knowledge to a personal heartwarming encounter with Christ. In the wake of the emphasis upon individual conversion, fresh vitality surged through the churches, educational institutions were formed and an interest in missions...was renewed and expanded.” [from “Journey with D. Brainerd”] Repentance was preached; holy lives resulted and the Holy Spirit had His way in many churches. The following eleven Biblical checks with Scriptural evidences are listed to help you, the Reader of this tract, determine if you have been saved? Have you a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ?

### **1. There is no clear time and place of conversion to Jesus Christ in your life.**

*“And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”* [Luke 23:42,43]

Was there a specific time and place when, after hearing the gospel message you came under conviction of sin, knew you were lost and going to Hell, could not save yourself by good works or your

religion, and repenting of your sin called in faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s only begotten Son, to save your soul; and after doing so, knew at that moment that you had been saved? This profession of faith does not have to be elaborate or exactly like another’s words, but it has to be real and from the heart. You may later forget the exact time of the day and calendar date, but not your conversion.

### **2. There has not been a change in your lifestyle.**

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* [II Corinthians 5:17]

You cannot live the Christian life in your own strength. You must be saved to do it. Salvation is a spiritual birth that produces new desires, affections and actions of a godly nature that reflect the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit in your life. It is a radical change from the old life lived in the flesh under the control of the god of this world, Satan. If there has been no change in your inward and outward lifestyle after your profession of faith it is reasonable to assume that you have not been saved.

### **3. God’s Holy Spirit does not bear witness in you.**

*“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God...The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”* [Romans 8:14, 16]

Corresponding to no change in your life (2), there is no sense of the Holy Spirit’s presence and leading in your life. There is no peace in the heart, no assurance of salvation and no relationship with God because the Holy Spirit is not in you or bearing witness to your spirit that you are God’s child.

### **4. You do not like to be around God’s people.**

*“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”* [I John 3:14]

*“For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.”* [II Corinthians 2:15, 16a,b]

You are cold and uneasy during the singing, preaching services and in the fellowship gatherings afterward. You would prefer to remain to yourself, leave the church early and feel relieved when you are away from the Christian people. You are more comfortable being with those who do not belong to the church. You might also leave a strong Bible preaching church with God-loving Christians for a church with a watered-down gospel lacking repentance and compromising ‘worldly’ standards.

### **5. No Hunger for the Word of God.**

*“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”* [I Peter 2:2]

*“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name O LORD God of hosts.”* [Jeremiah 15:16]

*“O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day...How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* [Psalm 119: 97, 103]

There will be no desire to read and study the Word of God regularly; no love at all for the Bible. You will have to force yourself to maintain regular Bible reading as there will be no sense of a drawing of your soul toward the Bible because the Holy Spirit is not dwelling in you. You cannot read a book you do not believe. It will be like any other book to you.

### **6. You Cannot Understand the Word of God.**

*“But the natural (unsaved) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”* [I Corinthians 2:14]

*“But ye (saved) have an unction (Holy Spirit) from the Holy One, and ye know all things.”* [I John 2:20]

The Bible will be impossible for you to understand because you are not indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. You will not be able to make sense of it, and there will be continually nagging doubts about what you hear and read as being really true. Accepting the King James Bible as God’s pure, preserved Words will be

irrelevant and unimportant to you if you are unsaved. Your interest in the Book is superficial.

#### **7. Your prayers are not answered.**

*“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.”* [John 9:31]

*And whatsoever we (saved) ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”* [I John 3:22]

God has promised only to answer His childrens' prayers according to His will; not the unsaved's. He will answer an unsaved person's prayer for salvation resulting from repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. A consistent lack of answers to prayer in your life indicates a spiritual problem; either you are saved and holding onto some sin, or are unsaved.

#### **8. You can sin and get away with it.**

*“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all (God's children) are partakers, then are ye bastards (unsaved) and not sons (saved).”* [Hebrews 12:7, 8]

God promises to discipline His children in order to bring them back into obedience and fellowship with Him. If you continue to live a worldly and sinful professed Christian life and are not experiencing afflictions and problems (God's chastisement) then you would be wise to check on whether you are really saved. God will chastise the saved.

#### **9. You practice the same sin or sins again and again.**

*“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”* [I John 3:9]

*“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”* [Galatians 5:24]

The unsaved person will continue to live in the flesh and have no conviction or remorse (godly sorrow) for certain sins committed over and over again as he or

she has always done. The Christian is able to mortify or put to death the sins of the flesh through the indwelling Spirit of God. He may not be perfect all at once, but, in time, the new birth will produce new desires, a love for the Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ that will help the Christian to grow spiritually and live a holy life.

#### **10. You love the world more than God.**

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* [I John 2:15]

*“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”* [Matthew 7:20]

You will enjoy unsaved friends, worldly entertainment (music, movies, sports and social media) more than church services, reading the Bible, prayer or Christian fellowship. Your focus in life will be pleasure, money, popularity, advancement and pursuit of your own selfish desires more than love for God. As the old saying goes, “Birds of a feather flock together.” You will be comfortable in such idolatry and uncomfortable in church. In this condition, your life will be spiritually dead and 100% fruitless unto God. No fruit, no salvation.

#### **11. You do not look forward to Christ's return.**

*“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear; we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is. And every man that has this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure.”* [I John 3:2, 3]

There are over 300 references to the return of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He said, *“I will come again, and receive you unto myself;”* in John 14:3. If Jesus' return means nothing to you and has no affect on your life, there is a problem.

You will also not be able to understand who Jesus really is (God) and what He has done to make it possible for you to be saved. He is the central Figure of Bible prophecy. Saved people will 'see' by faith the Lord Jesus Christ in Scripture after Scripture as they read their Bibles. The indwelling Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to their spirits and they grow in faith.

#### **Dear Friend,**

This tract has been written out of a concern for your soul. Remember, salvation is God's free gift to a repentant sinner, received by faith and not by works. It cannot be lost and is based upon God's promises in the Bible. Biblical salvation will show in the new convert's life, if it is real. God does not want anyone to perish, and so He will do everything possible to make it clear for you to know your spiritual condition, and to act accordingly on this information. If you **are** saved, these checks could help you to draw closer to the Lord. If you **are not** saved or **not sure of** your salvation they could help you to settle this important matter once and for all. Perhaps you are a victim of modern 'easy believism,' having made a profession of faith before you understood that you were lost and headed for Hell, and before you were willing to repent of your sin and call in faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save you. Why let another person's mistake become your ticket to Hell? You can get your salvation settled right now by doing it God's way, and not man's. If you feel the urge to be saved, COME; come to the altar, talk to the Pastor, or come wherever you are sincerely to the Lord and He will save you and give you peace.

*“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”* [John 6:37]

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* [Matthew 11:28-30]

**COME NOW! Repent of your sin and Receive God's gracious gift** of salvation, coming by faith to God's only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to forgive your sin, come into your heart to save your soul and be the Lord of your life. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall (not may) be saved.”* [Romans 10:13] 1979) p. 3].



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