

Seven Indicators of True Salvation

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Introduction

Every person who believes they have a saving relationship with God should sincerely look at the following indicators of a born again experience and ask themselves if these indicators are true in their life. If they are not, then the principles found in Scripture indicate you are not born again-you do not have a born again relationship through Jesus Christ and you need to get born again-saved.

Sadly, many individuals have been taught that if they say a prayer as a child, or an adult, that prayer guarantees them a place in heaven, regardless of how they live after they say the prayer. Repeating a prayer will not get you into heaven. Asking Jesus to be your LORD and Savior, with a heart of repentance is required to have true salvation, and your life will reflect that this has taken place.

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

To confess means to come into agreement. It means to declare. It means to acknowledge. A person must come into agreement that Jesus is Lord (God) and needs to be the Lord of their life in order to be saved-born again. To believe means to be persuaded, to place confidence in, to rely on, to give credence to. A person must be persuaded that Jesus was raised from the dead to be born again. Not hope that He was.

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Indicator 1: A lifestyle of obedience to God.

Romans 5:19(ESV): *For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

Though Christians stumble and make mistakes, the big picture direction and habit of a true believer becomes one of submission and obedience to Christ. They will want to read and follow God's Word. The Holy Spirit in their lives bends them toward greater and greater obedience. If you believe as a Christian who can live any way you want you are most likely not born again.

Indicator 2: A confession of Jesus as the Christ, God's Son.

1 John 2:23(NASB): *Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.*

If a person is truly born again they believe Jesus is the Christ, Messiah, Savior of mankind. Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone.

Indicator 3: A lifestyle of repentance of sin.

Luke 13:3, *Unless you repent, you will likewise perish.*

Though we stumble in many ways, true believers will be confessing and turning away from sins, while false believers will not. If you are spending more time to cover up your sin than repent of it you most likely are not born again.

Indicator 4: Genuine love for other believers.

1 John 3:14-15, *We know that we have passed out of death unto life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

God's Spirit pours out God's love into the hearts of God's children. (Romans 5:5, Galatians 5:22)
There are those who claim to be Christians that say they love Father God but not His children. A person who is truly born again loves His brothers and sisters in the Lord. If you have a disdain for the body of Christ you most likely are not born again.

Indicator 5: The discipline of God your Father.

Hebrews 12:7-8, 11(NASB): ⁷ *It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?* ⁸ *But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.* ¹¹ *All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*
If you are in active, willful, rebellious sin and not experiencing correction from God you most likely are not born again.

Indicator 6: The presence of God's Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:24, *This is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.*
God's Spirit in you will testify with your spirit that you are a child of God. (Romans 8:16).
God's spirit will also convict you of sin. (Romans 8:16)
God's Spirit will reveal what God's Word says when you read it. ((John 14:26)
You will be experiencing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. (Galatians 5:22-23)
Note, it must be on the basis of the Word of God, not your feelings. If you are in the midst of an ungodly sinful environment and it does not grieve your spirit you most likely are not born again.

Indicator 7: Faith in Jesus alone for salvation (and not yourself and your works).

1 John 5:12-13: *He who has the Son has life, He who does not have the Son does not have life...*
Not having a righteousness of our own... (Philippians 3:9)
.A person that is truly born again understands that their good behavior, their good works, there attendance at church, or anything else does not get them into heaven. Faith in Christ alone, not faith and works. If you are trying to get to heaven through good works you most likely are not born again.

Summary

These seven indicators are signs of a changed life-litmus tests revealing whether God has really made you a new creation or not. These indicators do not come naturally and are impossible to fake over a long period of time.

Take a look at your life over a period of a few months or years and ask yourself do you see these things in your life:

Do you see a genuine love for other believers? Or not?

Repentance of sin? Or not?

Obedience to God? Or not?

The discipline of Father God? Or not?

The evidence of God's Spirit? Or not?

A confession of Jesus as God's Son? Or not?

A genuine faith in Jesus alone for salvation? Or not?

If the above is not true in your life, then you are most likely not born again and not going to heaven. You need to become born again. You need to ask Jesus Christ to save your soul from eternal punishment.

Here is a prayer you can pray (or something similar). The prayer does not save you, it is the sincere heart condition that comes from the prayer that saves you.)

Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned against You and deserve the judgment of God. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for my sins. I chose now to turn away from my sins (I know I cannot do this on my own, but give me the desire) and ask for Your forgiveness. Jesus I believe you rose from the grave for me so I could have eternal life. Jesus, I'm making You the Lord and Boss of my life. Change me and help me now to live the rest of my life for You. Thank you for giving me a home in heaven with You when I die. Amen.

If you have questions about your salvation, or have just prayed the prayer above, PreacherRichD, Richard D. Dover, would love to help you in your new journey of being born again. Give him a call at 1-866-WANTGOD (1-866-926-8463), or email him at office@creatingfutures.org.

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