



“Marks of the New Birth”
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Q: “How can I know that I really am a child of God?”

Three Marks of Genuine Christianity:

I. _____

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8 (NAU)*

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:22-26 (NAU)

Characteristics of Biblical Faith:

1. Renouncing faith in ourselves.
2. Acknowledging we are sinful.
3. A certain conviction that only Christ and His grace can save us.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...

1 John 5:1 (NAU)

II. _____

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3 (NAU)

Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:22-23 (NAU)

III. _____

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 5:3-5 (NAU)

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.

I John 4:18-19 (NAU)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I John 4:10 (NAU)

Point: You can know you are a child of God

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Do you have that kind of faith? Have you moved your faith in life from yourself or your possessions or your abilities, to Christ, and Christ's possession and Christ's ability?
2. Do you have Biblical hope? Do you know that, in Christ, your future is secure? Do you know that God is working all things together for your good? Can you say that I know that He holds my future and that is my hope? Do you have a living hope?
3. Do you have His love living within you? Have you received His Spirit? Does His Spirit testify to your Spirit that you are a child of God? Do you know the feeling of coming home to God?



ANSWER KEY:

- I. FAITH
- II. HOPE
- III. LOVE