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No. 4 HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED?

1. BY THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 John 5:10 - "<u>He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself</u>: he believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave his Son."

Rom. 8:16 - "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"

2. BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.

2 Tim. 3:14-16 - "But continue tho in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast known **the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

Rom. 10:9-10 - "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

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3. BY A CHANGED LIFE - New Nature, New Desires,

New Goals, & New Life Style

2 Cor. 5:17 - "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things become new."

4. BY A NEW LOVE FOR

(a) <u>God</u> – **Matt.22:37** – "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

1 John 4:19 - "We love him, because he first loved us first."

- (b) His Word -Ps. 119:97 "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day."
- (c) <u>His Church</u> Heb. 10:25 "Nothing forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..."

5. BY OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN - John 13:13-35

"A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another;** as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples**, If ye have love one to another."

1 John 3:10-14 & 16 – "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another**. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren**. He that loveth not his brother brethren in death. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our loves for the brethren."

6. BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 John 4:13 - "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, <u>because he hath</u> given us of his Spirit."

7. BY OUR CONFESSION OF CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

1 John 4:14 - "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

Rev. 12:11 - "And they overcame him by **the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death."

1 Cor. 12:3 - "...that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

8. BY THE BURDEN FOR LOST SOULS

Mark 8:36-37 - "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"Mark 16:15 - "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

9. BY THE CHASTISEMENT OF THE LORD

Heb. 12:6-8 – "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 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 are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."