

Series: Family Fellowship  
"Saved and Sure" # 5  
1 John 2:3-11  
5-6-18 PM

1. The Bible teaches that believers can know they are saved [1 John 5:13]. We have a "know so" salvation. It is not a "hope so" or a "maybe" salvation, but we can apply certain criteria in the Bible to have assurance of salvation.

2. John uses the phrase "he that saith" 3 times in our text [v.4, 6, 9]. John uses this phrase to introduce us to a series of tests by which we can know we are saved.

**TT:** John gives us 3 visible tests of Christianity- Obedience [vs. 3-5] Transformed life [v. 6] and love [vs. 7-11].

**I. The Test of Obedience [vs. 3-5].**

1. The Desire of Obedience [v. 3-4].

"*Keep*" [v.3] means to guard carefully as guarding a treasure, an observant, watchful obedience. We should have an attitude of obedience in our heart.

John does not mean a life of perfect obedience, but an attitude of wanting to do what God wants us to do. We should have a desire to obey. If we have no desire to obey, then we are a liar and are lost.

**John 14:15**, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

**John 14:23**, "If a man love me, he will keep my words."

2. The Display of Obedience [v. 5].

We know that God's love has reached our heart when we have an attitude of obedience. God's love has been accomplished in us in salvation.

What is your attitude toward the Word of God? Do you have a heart attitude to obey and do the will of God?

**I. The Test of Obedience [vs. 3-5].**

**II. The Test of Life [v. 6].**

If we are a child of God, there is a desire to walk as He walked. What we say should be consistent with the way we walk. We see 2 walks here:

1. The Saviors Walk.

By walk we are talking about the everyday walk in the experiences of life, the believers conduct and lifestyle. Where do we go to see how Jesus walked?

## 2. The Saints Walk.

To walk as he walked means we should desire to imitate the life of Jesus. We abide in Him or remain in Him in a permanent union of the branches to the vine.

At salvation we identify with him in his death, burial, and resurrection. But after salvation we are told to imitate him.

**1 Peter 2:21**, “For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps.”

### **I. The Test of Obedience [vs. 3-5].**

### **II. The Test of Life [v. 6].**

### **III. The Test of Love [vs. 7-11].**

We have a great commission and a great commandment.

#### 1. The Paradox of Love [vs. 7-8].

He says he is not going to give us a new one and then says he is. He uses a play on words to show us it's new in the sense it is manifested in the person of Christ “in Him” [v.8].

**John 13:34-35** Love is a test of genuine Christianity.

We obey God from love not by ritualistic obedience to certain rules. For instance, the law says parents must take care of their children. Under love, we take care of them because we love them. We live by a higher law, the law of love.

#### 2. The Pattern of Love [v. 8].

Jesus set the example for us in love- he loved people but not their sin. They said about him, “He is a friend of sinners!”

#### 3. The Practice of Love [v. 9-11].

In verses 9-11 we have the contrast between love that is false and that which is true.

If you hate anyone because of face, place, or race, you are walking in darkness. True love should be found in Christians and in the church.

We can know we are saved and sure- by the test of obedience, life, and love- 3 visible tests that let us know we are saved and sure.