

## BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINE

### LESSON # 8

***“SIGNS OF LIFE”***

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Every believer is eternally safe and secure in Christ forever! The Bible teaches that a true believer can never lose his salvation and be lost (John 6:37-40). If you are a true believer in Christ, you are really safe and secure in Christ forever (John 10:28).

***The new life we have in God*** ought to be manifested and demonstrated. I need to remember that there is something that every true believer possesses:

"He that believeth on Me hath (has) eternal life" (John 6:47)

*"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."* (John 10:28)

*"He is passed from death unto life"* (John 5:24)

*"He that hath (has) the Son hath (has) life"* (1 John 5:12)

Every true believer possesses life. The person who is not a true believer does not have life (1 John 5:12 and compare Eph. 2:1). He is dead. He breathes and exists and walks and eats, but he does not have the life of God (Ephesians 4:18).

### **OUR STUDY NOW TAKES US TO:**

***“Evidences Which Point to the Fact That We Have New Life in Christ”***

**An Evidence Which Points to the Fact That We Have New Life in Christ.**

#### **I. A TRUE BELIEVER BELIEVES THE WORD OF GOD.**

**(1 John 5:9-12)**

**A.** It sounds so very obvious! A true believer believes! If you don't believe, you are not a true believer! Read 1 John 5:9. This verse compares the witness (testimony) of \_\_\_\_\_ with the witness (testimony) of \_\_\_\_\_. We usually receive the testimony of men. We usually believe what men tell us. Do men lie most of the time or do men generally tell the truth most of the time? Even liars tell the truth most of the time because if they lied all the time no one would ever believe them (and liars want people to believe their lies). When a person tells you something, do you usually say, "I don't believe you. You're a liar!"? \_\_\_\_\_ If you heard on the radio that the President was shot, would you believe it? \_\_\_\_\_ Suppose that your doctor told you that you had cancer. Would you believe him? \_\_\_\_\_ If your neighbor told you that your car had a flat tire, would you believe him enough to check it out? \_\_\_\_\_ Do we usually receive the testimony of men (1 John 5:9)? \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Whose testimony is even greater than that of men (1 John 5:9)? \_\_\_\_\_ Most(?) of the time men tell the truth, but do they always? \_\_\_\_\_ According to Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18, why is the testimony of God greater? \_\_\_\_\_.

**C.** When a person does not believe the testimony of God, what does he make God (1 John 5:10)? \_\_\_\_\_ But the person who is a true believer is able to say, "Lord, You are a God of \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 32:4) and the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17) and therefore I know that everything You say in Your Word must be \_\_\_\_\_."

**D.** The record (testimony, witness) that God gave concerning His Son is found in 1 John 5:11-12. What did God give to us (1 John 5:11)? \_\_\_\_\_ Is eternal life a free gift or is it something we must work for (compare Rom. 6:23)? \_\_\_\_\_ Where is this gift found (1 John 5:11)? \_\_\_\_\_ According to 1 John 5:12, the person who has the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ and the person who does not have \_\_\_\_\_ does not have \_\_\_\_\_. The person who believes God's testimony concerning His Son is able to say, "Lord, I believe that eternal life is a free **G** \_\_\_\_\_ and this life is found only in Your **S** \_\_\_\_\_, and because I have **R** \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (John 1:12) as my personal Savior, I now **K** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:13) that I have eternal \_\_\_\_\_."

### **1) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe the Bible."**

Jesus said that God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17) and the Scriptures cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:35) and all things that are written in the Scriptures must be \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:44) including every jot and every \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:18)! Did Jesus believe the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus but I believe that Jesus was wrong when He said that the Bible is truth." Is it possible for the Son of God to be wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore this is what the believer says, "I believe in Jesus and because I believe in Jesus I also believe \_\_\_\_\_."

### **2) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe what Paul wrote."**

Paul said, "For this we say unto you by \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Thess. 4:15; compare John 16:12-13). "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Cor. 14:37). "Now we command you, brethren, in the \_\_\_\_\_" (2 Thess. 3:6). Did Peter recognize Paul's letters as being "scripture" (2 Peter 3:15-16)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, the believer should say, "I believe in Jesus and I also believe what \_\_\_\_\_ wrote because Paul was an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_" (Galatians 1:1) and his writings are God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16) just as all the rest of the Bible."

### **3) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in Adam and Eve."**

Jesus said, "Have ye not read that He who made them at the \_\_\_\_\_ made them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" (Matt. 19:4; compare Gen. 1:27). Did Jesus believe in the Genesis account of creation? \_\_\_\_\_ Was Jesus an evolutionist or a creationist? \_\_\_\_\_ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus but I believe that Jesus was wrong when He taught that Adam and Eve were created in the beginning." Should we believe in a God who can be wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ Our answer is this: "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe \_\_\_\_\_."

**4) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in Moses and I don't believe what Moses wrote, in fact, I don't even believe Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible."**

Jesus said, "For had ye believed \_\_\_\_\_, ye would have believed \_\_\_\_\_; for he (Moses) wrote of \_\_\_\_\_. But if ye do not believe his writings, how shall ye believe \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:46-47)?" Did the Lord Jesus believe that Moses wrote the book of Exodus (compare Mark 12:26 with Exodus 3:6)? \_\_\_\_\_ Read Matthew 4:4,7,10 and compare this with Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:13. Did the Lord consider the books of Moses important and worthy of belief (Luke 24:25-27)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord consider the books of Moses as part of the Scriptures (Luke 24: 44-45)? \_\_\_\_\_ Even the psalmist said, "Thy word is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:160). Therefore the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus, I also believe what \_\_\_\_\_ wrote."

**5) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in a universal flood that covered the whole world in the days of Noah."**

Jesus said, "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ came, and \_\_\_\_\_ them all" (Luke 17:27). Did Jesus believe in Noah and the ark and the flood? \_\_\_\_\_ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus, but I believe that Jesus was mistaken when He taught about Noah. Jesus didn't realize that Noah and the flood is just a story and never really happened." Should we put our faith in a God who can make mistakes? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe in a world-wide \_\_\_\_\_ that destroyed the world in the days of \_\_\_\_\_."

**6) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe Daniel really wrote the book of Daniel."**

Jesus said, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation (Daniel 9:27) spoken of by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 24:15). Did Jesus believe that we should read and understand the book of Daniel (Matt. 24:15)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Jesus believe that Daniel wrote the book of Daniel? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe that \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the book of \_\_\_\_\_."

**7) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I cannot believe that Jonah was really swallowed by a great fish."**

But Jesus said, "Jonah was three days and three nights in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matthew 12:40; compare Jonah 1:17). Therefore, the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe that \_\_\_\_\_ was really in the belly of a great fish. Jesus said it! That settles it! And I believe it!"

A person who is truly saved believes the testimony of God! He believes *all* of God's Word including the letters of Paul, the books of Moses, the prophecy of Daniel and the book of Jonah. Are you a Bible believer? Do you believe the Word of God? Do you believe the testimony that God has given concerning His Son (1 John 5:9-12)?

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**II. A BELIEVER HAS A HUNGER FOR THE WORD OF GOD.**  
(1 Peter 2:2)

**A.** In 1 Peter 1:23 we learn that a person is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_. In 1 Peter 2:2 we find that the person who has been born-again is likened to a \_\_\_\_\_. What is the one thing that babies yearn for, long for, earnestly desire, and fuss over if they don't get it? \_\_\_\_\_. If a baby has no desire for \_\_\_\_\_ then something must be wrong! Healthy babies have a real hunger for \_\_\_\_\_. Likewise, what should the born-again believer yearn for and desire (1 Pet. 2:2)? \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** If a believer has no desire for \_\_\_\_\_ then something must be terribly wrong! A healthy believer therefore should have a real hunger for \_\_\_\_\_. Is there something wrong with a Christian who never wants to read his Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** If a believer truly has a hunger for God's Word, then should he desire to faithfully attend a Bible-teaching church where he can learn more of God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_

The person who truly has been born-again should be able to say these things:

"Lord, I truly \_\_\_\_\_ Thy Word" (Psalm 119:97,113,119,127,167).

"Lord, Thy Word is my \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:77; Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:16,47,143,174).

"Lord, Thy Word is \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 119:129).

"Lord, open my eyes so that I might behold \_\_\_\_\_ things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

"Lord, Thy Word \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes (Psalm 19:8) and gives \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:130; compare verse 105 and 2 Peter 1:19) and gives \_\_\_\_\_" (Ps.119:130).

"Lord, Thy Word causes my heart to \_\_\_\_\_" (Psalm 19:8; Psalm 119:111,162).

"Lord, Thy Word is \_\_\_\_\_ than all the money in the world!" (Psalm 119:72).

"Lord, Thy Word is more to be \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_. How precious is Thy Word to me!" (Psalm 19:10)

"Lord, Thy Word is \_\_\_\_\_ to me than honey and I would rather feed upon Thy Word than enjoy the best food that could ever be prepared for my stomach!" (Psalm 19:10; Psalm 119:103).

"Lord, truly I have \_\_\_\_\_ after Thy Word" (Psalm 119: 40, 131).

*(The Bible is God's personal love-letter to me and I should read it with that attitude! I should set aside time each day to meet with my God and with my Bible! If I really love the Lord, then I will love to hear Him speak to me! God speaks to me as I read His precious Word!)*

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**III. A BELIEVER PRAYS TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER.**  
(Romans 8:15-16)

**A.** One of the ways a baby expresses life is by crying. The baby cries when he is hungry, when he is hurt, when he is wet, when he is uncomfortable, etc., but the very fact that he cries proves that the baby must be \_\_\_\_\_!

Do dead babies cry? \_\_\_\_\_ Likewise, when a person is born into God's family (Galatians 3:26), he enjoys a new relationship that he never had before! He now can cry out, " \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ " (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6; compare Mark 14:36)! He now has a personal knowledge and relationship with the only \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:3) and he is able to call Him his \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:32). He is now able to \_\_\_\_\_ always for \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:20). Because the child of God has had all of his sins completely cleansed and forgiven (Heb. 10:17), he can \_\_\_\_\_ to God (Hebrews 10:22) and he can \_\_\_\_\_ boldly to the \_\_\_\_\_, to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and to find \_\_\_\_\_ to help in time of \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:16).

**B.** When the believer draws near to God, what does God promise to do (James 4:8; compare Zechariah 1:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer is simply talking to the living God! Just as a baby must learn how to talk, so the believer must learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ to God! We ought to pray as the disciples prayed in Luke 11:1: "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_." A baby learns to talk by talking (even though it may not make much sense at first)! A believer learns how to pray by \_\_\_\_\_! The more a believer prays, the easier it will become!

**C.** The early church was a healthy church because the believers continued steadfastly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fellowship, in breaking of bread and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42). How do we know that Daniel was a man of God (Daniel 6:10)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How do we know that David was a man of God (Psalm 55:17)? \_\_\_\_\_ How do we know that Paul and Silas were men of God (Acts 16:25)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## IV. A BELIEVER IS ABLE TO LOVE HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

(1 John 3:11)

**A.** The Lord Jesus has told us that the person who is a true believer has passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:24). How can I know whether or not I have truly passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_? God's answer is found in 1 John 3:14---We \_\_\_\_\_ that we have passed from \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

There are two things that are true in the life of a person who is a child of the devil (1 John 3:10):

**1.** He does not live a righteous life.

**2.** He does not \_\_\_\_\_

What message has God given to the believer (1 John 3:11)? \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Why do we love (1 John 4:19)? \_\_\_\_\_ If a man says that he loves God but hates his brother, what is he (1 John 4:20)? \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 4:32 teaches us that we are to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ in the same way that \_\_\_\_\_ forgave us! If Christ could love a rotten sinner like you (see Romans 5:6-8), then can you love your brothers and sisters in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ If Christ could forgive you of all \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:13), then can you forgive those who wrong you? \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** If a person truly loves his brothers and sisters in Christ, will he desire to assemble together with them in a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church (compare Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the early church care for one another in love (Acts 2:44-45)? \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: We do not necessarily have to “like” someone in order to “love” them. Example: I can love someone without wanting to sit down and have a cup of coffee with them.)

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**V. A BELIEVER IS ABLE TO OBEY THE WORD OF GOD.  
(1 John 2:3)**

**A.** The person who has eternal life is the person who \_\_\_\_\_ the only true God and \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has sent (John 17:3). How can we *know* whether or not we really know Christ as our personal Savior and Lord? According to 1 John 2:3, if a person truly knows Christ what will he be able to do? \_\_\_\_\_

The person who keeps and obeys God’s Word is truly the person in whom the \_\_\_\_\_ is perfected (brought to maturity) and the obedient believer can *know* that he is \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (1 John 2:5). If a person is truly abiding in the Lord Jesus, then how should he walk and live (1 John 2:6)? \_\_\_\_\_ (C \_\_\_\_\_)

**B.** To see how our Lord Jesus walked, read carefully the following verses and match them to the proper statements:

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| 1. _____ John 5:30; 6:38 | A. The Lord Jesus always kept His Father's Word.                   |
| 2. _____ John 8:29       | B. The Lord Jesus always did those things that pleased His Father. |
| 3. _____ John 8:54-55    | C. The Lord Jesus always did His Father's will.                    |

**C.** What is the love of God (1 John 5:3)? \_\_\_\_\_ We know that God’s commandments are not \_\_\_\_\_ (heavy, burdensome). Is it a heavy burden for us to do what God tells us to do? \_\_\_\_\_ Does God give us commandments so that He can make life miserable for us? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it true that we are usually most miserable when we fail to obey the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ David did not feel that the commandments of the Lord were grievous (Psalm 19:7-11).

**D.** Because the church is the bride of Christ (see Eph. 5:22-23) we should obey \_\_\_\_\_ who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:23). Do dead men obey His voice (John 11:43-44; 1 Thess. 4:16)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore, is God asking too much when He expects His children to serve Him in loving obedience? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you really love the Lord Jesus? Do you listen to His voice by reading the Bible every day? Do you love to obey His voice? Do you seek to live your life according to the Word of God? Are you willing to do whatever the Lord tells you to do? Do you really believe that God’s commandments are for your good? Are you walking as an obedient child of God?

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**VI. A BELIEVER WILL BE CONVICTED OF SIN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**(2 Peter 2:7-8)**

**A.** If we are to be followers of \_\_\_\_\_ as His dear \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:1), then we must \_\_\_\_\_ the things that God loves and we must \_\_\_\_\_ the things that God hates! What does the Lord Jesus love (Heb. 1:8-9)? \_\_\_\_\_ What does He hate (Heb.1:9)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore we are to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (Amos 5:15). What are believers to abhor and hate (Rom. 12:9)? \_\_\_\_\_ Those who truly love the Lord are to do what (Psalm 97:10)? \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** When Lot left Abraham, what city did he pitch his tent towards (Gen. 13:11-12)? \_\_\_\_\_ How are the men of this city described (Gen. 13:13)? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of a man was Lot (2 Pet. 2:7-8)? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the one thing that the Lord hated about Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen.18:20)? \_\_\_\_\_ Would God destroy the city if there were found 50 righteous people (Gen. 18:23-26)? \_\_\_\_\_ Can the righteous Judge ever be unfair (Gen. 18:25)? \_\_\_\_\_ Would God destroy the city if there were only 10 righteous (Gen.18:27-32)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Lord destroy the city (2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7)? \_\_\_\_\_ How did He destroy it (Gen. 19:24-25)? \_\_\_\_\_ What did the Lord do for Lot (2 Pet. 2:7; Gen. 19:15-16)? \_\_\_\_\_ Did Lot enjoy living in Sodom (2 Pet. 2:7-8)? \_\_\_\_\_ What were 2 things that disturbed him and caused him to be troubled within as he lived in that city?

**1.** (2 Pet. 2:7) \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** (2 Pet. 2:8) \_\_\_\_\_

What advice did Lot give to the men of Sodom (Gen. 19:7)? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this help the situation? \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** When God's child sins the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:30) and God must \_\_\_\_\_ His child (Heb.12:5-11) and that child must **C** \_\_\_\_\_ his **S** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:9). What was Peter's great sin (Luke 22:57)? \_\_\_\_\_ What did Peter do, following his sin, that indicated his sorrow (Luke 22:62)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your attitude towards sin in your life? (*CONSIDER THE ANSWER PRIVATELY IN YOUR OWN MIND AND HEART.*)

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**VII. A BELIEVER WILL BE ABLE TO CONFESS CHRIST AS SAVIOR.**

**(Romans 10:9-11)**

**A.** The word *confess* comes from the Greek word *homologeō* (*homo*=same; *legeō* from a verb *legō*=to say) and therefore it means "to say the same thing as another, to agree with another person." The believer in Christ is able to **C** \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus with his **M** \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:9-10) and thus he is *agreeing* with what God has said concerning His Son (1 John 5:9-12).



Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ on Him \_\_\_\_\_ " (Romans 10:11).  
Every believer can say with Paul, "For I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (good news) of Christ; for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

**B.** Was Christ ashamed to die for us openly and publicly (Matthew 27:39,54-55, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you publicly confess Christ before your family, friends, loved ones and neighbors? Do you gladly embrace Him and own Him as your Lord and as your God (John 20:28)? Are you unashamed to speak of Him and to tell others what He has done and what He has said?

**CAN YOU SAY:**

*"Now I've given to Jesus everything! Now I gladly own Him as my King!  
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary!"*

**-William R. Newell**

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**VIII. A BELIEVER IS SAFE BECAUSE OF GOD'S KEEPING POWER.**  
**(Jude 1:24)**

**A. Remember:** We cannot keep ourselves safe and we cannot keep ourselves saved. This is God's work. He not only saves us, but He keeps us saved. He keeps us from **F** \_\_\_\_\_ (Jude 24). He keeps our **F** \_\_\_\_\_ from failing (Luke 22:32). True, there are times when we falter and fail and sin, as Peter did, but even then, God will convict us and chasten us and help us to recover. How does God keep His believers safe? God keeps believers safe through His **P** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:5)?

**B. Remember this also:** Just as a sailor on a ship goes through storms, the Christian will have storms in life as well. God does not always calm the storm, but He can calm the "sailor", Christian, who is going through the storm.

### **HOW IS A PERSON SAVED?**

A person is saved by taking God at His Word, by believing that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus is God, that Jesus died on the cross for all. The word all includes everyone, and all includes you. If you have never trusted Jesus to save you, why not ask Jesus to save you now?

**Ask Him:** "Lord, I believe you died for me and I now receive you as my Savior".

If you ask Jesus to save you, you will have eternal life as **I John 5:12** says: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

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