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## How Can I Be Sure?

- Our #1 Priority
  - Evangelism
  - But is it?
- One Reason
  - We are not sure we are saved

John 20:31

“These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have (eternal) life in His name.”

1 John 5:13

“These things (the things in this book) I have written to you who believe (who have already believed) in the name of Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

- The Devil’s Plan
  - Keep you from being saved
  - If you are saved, make you believe that you are not

People doubt because they trust their FEELINGS and not SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:26

“These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.”

John 5:24

Jesus speaks: “Most assuredly I say to you, He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent me has everlasting life and shall not come into judgment but has passed from death to life.”

- How can I know
  - Obedience

1 John 2:3

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep his commandments.”

Matthew 22:34-40

A lawyer asked Jesus one day what is the greatest commandment.

Verse 27: “you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul and mind.”

Verse 39: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

My paraphrase: One of the ways you can be sure you are saved is if you have a deep desire to honor and love God, by obeying and doing what He says.

1 John 2:4

“If you say you know Him (as Savior) but have no desire to obey Him, you are a liar.”

1 John 2:5

(My Paraphrase) Whoever takes delight in doing what God says for us to do can know with total and absolute certainty that he is saved.

- Loving my brother

1 John 2:9

“If you say you are saved and hate your brother, you are living in darkness.”

1 John 3:14

“One of the ways we know we are saved is that we love our brothers and sisters in Christ.”

- I don't like sinning

1 John 1:8

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and are lying to ourselves.”

- The witness of the holy spirit

Romans 8:16

“The Holy Spirit, Himself, bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.”