

Home Helps

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

Am I a Christian?

⁵ Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you— unless indeed you fail the test? ⁶ But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test.

Am I a Christian? Six Questions to Ask:

1) Do I believe the Gospel?

- **1 Cor. 15:1-4** – Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- **Romans 10:9** – if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
- **1 John 4:15** – Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

2) Do I love God, and am I loyal to Him?

- **Romans 8:28** – “. . . God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.”
- **Luke 14:26-27** – “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

3) Do I hate and forsake sin?

- **1 John 1:6-10** – If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.
- **Ps. 32:3-5** – When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

4) Do I love righteousness?

- **1 John 2:29** – If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

5) Do I seek to obey God?

- **John 14:15** – “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”
- **1 John 2:3-6** – By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: ⁶ the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

6) Do I love others?

- **1 John 3:10-11** – By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- **1 John 3:14** – We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren.
- **1 John 4:7-8, 11** – Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. . . ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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