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FOUNDATION LEVEL – Lesson 5: Five Tests Of True Salvation.

We have now outlined what the Gospel is and the fullness of Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also examined whether Salvation can be lost or not. Due to a lot of confusion in the Church because of low Biblical literacy, it is important that Scriptures answer the queries and questions in our minds.

We think it is important at this stage in our Foundation lessons to outline who or what a true Christian looks like. We will outline 5 Biblical facts that every genuine Believer should routinely be able to answer to.

This 'Salvation Test' will yield three results:

- A resounding YES
- A clear NO
- A mixed response indicating either a fake Christian or a Backslidden Believer

⁵ Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you ^[b]are disqualified. 2Corinthians 13:5

Examine – GK Peirazo

- To try whether a thing can be done
- Trial, Test
- To ascertain quality, thinking pattern, behaviour
- To test one's faith, virtue, character
- To tempt, solicit to sin
- Assay, Prove, Examination

Prove/Test – GK Dokimazo

- Scrutinise
- Recognise as genuine after examination
- Deem worthy
- Discern

Reprobate/Disqualified – GK Adokimos

- Not standing test, not approved, fake
- That which does not prove itself such as it ought
- Unfit for, spurious, unproved, rejected, castaway



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FIVE TESTS THAT CONFIRM TRUE SALVATION

1. Fellowship With God

One of the key changes in the life of a genuine Child of God is the 'falling in Love' with God phenomena. There springs up without effort, a deep longing for the things of God.

*As the deer ^[b]pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.*

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and ^[c]appear before God? Psalm 42:1-2

O God, You are my God;

Early will I seek You;

My soul thirsts for You;

My flesh longs for You

In a dry and thirsty land

Where there is no water.

² So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,

To see Your power and Your glory.

³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,

My lips shall praise You.

⁴ Thus I will bless You while I live;

I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with ^[a]marrow and ^[b]fatness,

And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. Psalm 63:1-5

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in

him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God ^[a]is perfected in him. By this we

know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. 1 John 2:3-6



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⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1Jn! :7

¹⁹“A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and ¹⁹manifest Myself to him.”

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

²³Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. John 14:19-23

How lovely ^{1b}is Your tabernacle,

O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, even faints

For the courts of the LORD;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Psalm 84:1-2

From these passages, it is obvious that the heart of the Believer is drawn towards God. It is not something that is wiped up or needs a church service and accompanying music to create. This is what Jesus meant when He mentioned “first love” in Rev 2:4

The genuine Believer loves God period and it shows! Its not a performance but an authentic outflow of expression that comes from the depths of new spirit life.

³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Jn 7:38

With my soul I have desired You in the night,

Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;...Isaiah 26:9a



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2. Ministry of The Holy Spirit.

Since we have shown that Salvation is firstly spiritual, it figures that the Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell in our spirit.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Galatians 4:6.

The arrival of the Holy Spirit enables, equips and empowers the Believer to live 'above' the flesh. Christianity is the only religion on earth that comes with 'batteries included'. The Holy Spirit comes at the New Birth with the energy from Heaven to help the Christian become Christ on Earth.

...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1John 4:4

This results in evidence within the life of the Believer

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[a]adultery, ^[e]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, ^[i]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ ^[g]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



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⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the ^[b]Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 4:8,18-20

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be ^[c]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

⁴ There are ^[d]diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works ^[e]all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by ^[f]the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 1Corinthians 12:4-11

3. Sin Overcome

The main thing the new birth deals with is SIN capital and sin in general. Jesus came to save us from our sins. When a genuine conversion takes place, unprovoked you may hear them say “a weight was lifted..”, “I feel very light..”. The boulder of SIN is dealt with at the Cross.

⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 1 John 3:5-10



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⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:7-9

¹⁸ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps ^[a]himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. 1 John 5:18

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be ^[a]done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin Romans 6:1-6

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Matthew 7:18

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—^[a]our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4,5

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1John 2:15-17



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4. Love For The Brethren

Just like the Love for God wells up in the Believer, there also comes an overwhelming love and affinity for other Christians.

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love ^[c]his brother abides in death 1 John 3:14

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 1John 4:7-12

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 1John 5:1-2

As for the saints who are on the earth,

“They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.” Psalm 16:3

⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; Colossians 1:4

¹⁰ For God is not unjust to forget your work and ^[d]labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb 6:10

³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. John 15:12



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*¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints
Ephesians 1:15*

*⁹ But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you
yourselves are taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰ and indeed you do so toward all the
brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and
more; 1 Thess 4:9-10*

Let brotherly love continue.... Hebrews 13:1

*⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as
brothers, be tenderhearted, be ^[b]courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling,
but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a
blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-9*

5. Faith Boldness

- Not embarrassed by Jesus
- Willing to be public about your faith
- Does not love the world more than Christ

*³⁴ When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to
them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and
follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My
sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world,
and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is
ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of
Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."
Mark 8:34-38*

*⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but
share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has
saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His
own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰ but has
now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and
brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ to which I was appointed a
preacher, an apostle, and a teacher ^[d]of the Gentiles. ¹² For this reason I also suffer these*



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things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. 2 Tim 1:8-12

Matthew 10:32,33 (NKJV)

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Luke 12:8,9 (NKJV)

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

Acts 5:41 (NKJV)

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

2 Timothy 1:8,12,16 (NKJV)

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

2 Timothy 2:12,13 (NKJV)

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, [yet] he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.



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Hebrews 11:26 (NKJV)

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Hebrews 12:2,3 (NKJV)

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Hebrews 13:13 (NKJV)

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

1 John 2:23 (NKJV)

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also].