

# How Can I Know For Sure If I Am Saved?

John 14:12-31

The apostle John wrote his gospel with the express purpose of convincing people of the identity of Jesus Christ and persuading them to put their faith and trust in him (20:31). If we take that step of faith, how can we know for certain whether or not we believe? What proof do we have whether or not the gospel really works?

As Jesus teaches his disciples in the upper room, he explains that *the proof of faith is a transformed life*. If we have truly believed the gospel, we will see God at work in and through us, we will obey his instructions out of love, we will sense we are part of God's family, and we will experience peace in difficult circumstances.

In John 14:1-11, Jesus taught that while there are many rooms in heaven, there is only one way to get there. Jesus goes on to present several proofs of faith so that we can know for certain whether or not we truly believe (John 14:12-31).

**To determine whether you are on the right path, ask yourself the following questions:**

## **Is God at work in and through your life? (12)**

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to do "greater works." While Jesus was on earth, he was limited by time and space. He taught individuals and groups in a small geographical region and performed a few miracles. In the book of Acts, the apostles taught thousands and performed miracles. Since that time, millions of people have trusted Christ.

*What have you seen God do in and through your life?*

## **Do you see answers to prayer? (13-14)**

Jesus extended his promise beyond greater works to anything that the disciples might desire. The blank check promise comes with a condition, however. The request must be in Jesus' name and for the Father's glory.

*What are you praying for? What answers to prayer have you seen?*

## **Are you obeying Christ's commands? (15, 21-24)**

The greatness of our love for God is easy to test.

*Do we obey all that Jesus taught?*

**Is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? (16-17, 26)**

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as a helper who would come alongside to teach us.

*Do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?  
What is he helping you to understand?*

**Do you feel like you are part of God's family? (18-23)**

Jesus has not abandoned us without a helper, nor has also not left us without a family. Not only can we know Jesus and the Father, we can know that we belong to them. They have taken up residence in our lives.

*Do you have the confidence that you are part of God's family?*

**Do you have peace in the midst of difficult circumstances? (27)**

The word, "peace" or "shalom" was used both as a greeting and as a farewell. Here, Jesus uses it as a farewell. Peace is not the absence of conflict. It is a settled confidence that comes from knowing that one is right with God. By focusing on this fact, we can experience supernatural peace in the midst of trouble and fear, just like Jesus did.

*Are you unsettled by your circumstances or are you focused on the Prince of Peace?*

**Do you understand the significance of Jesus' death? (28-31)**

Those who truly love Jesus understand that he conquered sin through his death on the cross and that it resulted in greater glory for both Jesus and the Father.

*What do you believe about Jesus' death?*