

## BIRTHMARKS OF THE BELIEVER

1 John 2:3-10

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- 1) INTRODUCTION (1 John 2:4-9)
  - a) Those who are Heaven-born are Heaven-bound and bear certain traits or birthmarks.
  - b) If we do not bear these birthmarks, then we need to evaluate and ask ourselves if we have ever truly trusted Jesus as Lord.
  
- 2) A TRUE BELIEVER SUBMITS TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST (1 John 2:3-4)
  - a) Acts 16:31
  - b) Romans 10:9
  - c) Luke 6:46
  - d) To keep His commandments does mean that we are to be perfect. The word “keep” in 1 John 2:3 means to guard, as you would guard a treasure; we are to treasure God’s commandments and set our course in life by keeping the commandments.
  - e) This does not mean that we will not stumble; but if we have no desire to live by the Word of God and we sin carelessly, flippantly, and without any conviction, then we need the salvation that Jesus offers.
  - f) We keep His commandments, not in order to be saved, but because we love Him.
    - i) John 14:15
    - ii) John 14:21
  
- 3) A TRUE BELIEVER SEEKS THE LIFESTYLE OF JESUS CHRIST (1 John 2:5-6)
  - a) We are to walk as Jesus walked.
    - i) 1 John 4:17
  - b) What was the lifestyle of Jesus like?
    - i) A life of honesty.  
(1) 1 John 1:6-7
    - ii) A life of purity.  
(1) 1 John 3:3
    - iii) A life of righteousness.  
(1) 1 John 3:7
  - c) We seek the lifestyle of Jesus by abiding.
    - i) 1 John 2:6
    - ii) What does it mean to abide?  
(1) John 15:5
      - (a) A life of reliance upon Jesus.
      - (b) A life of relinquishment to Jesus.
  
- 4) A TRUE BELIEVER SHARES THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST (1 John 2:9-10)
  - a) John 13:34
  - b) Jesus doesn’t love us because we’re lovely; He simply loves us.

## 5) CONCLUSION

- a) If a person is saved, it will show in his life.
- b) We are not saved by keeping the commandments; we are not saved by walking as Jesus walked; we are not saved by loving our brother; but if we are saved, these things will be present in our lives.
- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31