

Things that Accompany Salvation (Heb 6.9) The Fruits, Evidences, & Knowledge of Being Born Again

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove** your own selves. **Know** ye not your own selves, how that Jesus is in you, except ye be reprobates [unapproved, i.e. rejected]?" 2Co 13:5

A. THE FRUITS OF BEING BORN AGAIN: Examine (test, scrutinize, discipline) yourselves

"But let a man examine himself.... For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

(1Co 11.28,31, see Ps 26.2)

1. joy - Ps 51.12, 9.14, 13.5, 20.5, 21.1, 35.9, Isa 25.9, Jn 15.11, 16.22, 17.13 & hope - 1Th 5.8 (cp Eph 2.12), Tit 1.2, 3.7, Col 1.5,23, 1Pe 1.3, Ro 8.24
2. spiritual understanding (to perceive the KOG) - Jn 3.3 (cp Eph 4.18), 1Jn 5.20
3. a craving for the Word of God (for it is opened unto you) - Lk 24.32,45, 1Pe 2.2 [Remember, hungering is a sign of being alive - Mt 5.6]
4. fellowship with God (you know Him, not of/about Him) - Jn 17.3, 1Jn 1.1-3 you cry Abba, Father in your prayers [not God] - Mk 14.36, Ro 8.15, Gal 4.6
5. godly [not worldly] sorrow that works repentance unto life - 2Co 7.9-11
6. undergo persecution for righteousness sake - Gal 4.28-29
7. experience freedom from the law - Gal 4.28-31

Permissibility to the flesh causes a withering of these fruits

B. THE EVIDENCES OF BEING BORN AGAIN (all in 1Jn): Prove (test & approve) yourselves

"But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another."

(Gal 6.4) *"... to prove the sincerity of your love."* (2Co 8.8)

1. you do righteousness [i.e. equity (what is right)] (2.29, 3.10)
2. you do not commit [habitually do] sin (3.9, 5.18): endure temptation, Jam 1.12, 1Pe 4.1-3, Gal 5.24, Eph 4.19-24
3. you cannot [remain in or freely] sin (3.9)
4. you love one another: brotherly love (1Jn 4.7-8, 3.10-11, 1Th 4.9)
5. you believe that Jesus is the Christ (5.1,10, 4.15) (i.e. you have a clear confession of faith in the Lord Jesus)
6. you overcome the world & the god of this world, Satan (5.4-5): Rev 12.10-11, 2.7,11,17,26, 3.5,12,21, 21.17
7. you keep yourself from all idolatry (5.18,21, 2.15-17)

This evidence is countered by works that deny him (Tit 1.16)

C. THE KNOWLEDGE OF BEING BORN AGAIN: Know (to know upon some mark, i.e. recognize, to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge) yourselves

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, & that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God " (1Jn 5.13)

"Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God" (2Th 1:5).

1. by your obedience - 1Jn 2.3-6 (cp Tit 1.16)
2. by the desire to be like Him - 1Jn 3.2-3
3. by your love for the brethren - 1Jn 3.14-19, 4.12
4. by your witness & testimony of Him - 1Jn 4.13-15
5. by the Spirit which He has given you - 1Jn 3.24, 4.13, Ro 8.15-16, Gal 4.6-7 - the Spirit's inner witness
6. thru the righteousness, judgment, lovingkindness, mercies, & faithfulness of the Lord, Hos 2.19-20, & especially, thru the forgiveness of your sins - Jer 31.34/Heb 8.10-12, Lk 1.77
7. by our fruits - Mt 7.16-23

The effects of sin cover the glory he's put within us (2Co 4.6-7)