

Christian World View

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assurance of salvation

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Christian assurance

“How do I know that I am saved?”

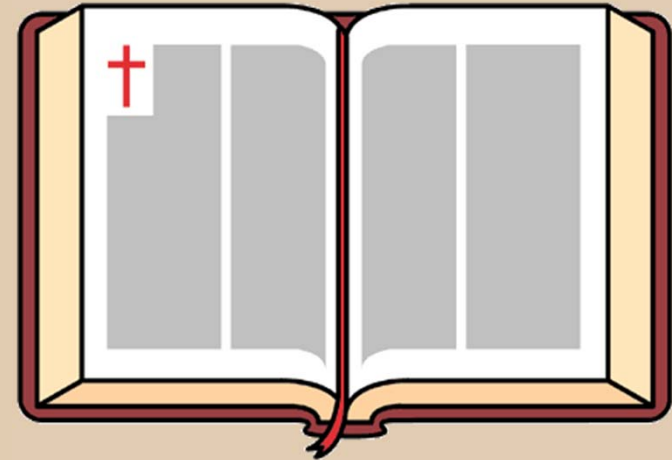
- 1 Christian assurance**
 - **the promise of the Word**
- 2 Christian assurance**
 - **the witness of the Holy Spirit**
- 3 Christian assurance**
 - **the evidence of spiritual life**

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1 Christian assurance

- the promise of the Word



Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God’s promise • (my response) I believe the Word of God.

God’s provision • (my response) I believe the God of the Word.

the gospel according to the power of God · 2 Timothy 1:8

“For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day” (2 Timothy 1:12).

God’s promise • I have believed.

God’s power • I am convinced that He is able to guard.

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2 Christian assurance

- the witness of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*” (Romans 8:16-17).

- God’s witness • the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit
- God’s truth • we are children of God — by the new birth
- we are heirs of God — as the sons of God
- fellow heirs with Christ
- His suffering & His glory

our spirit

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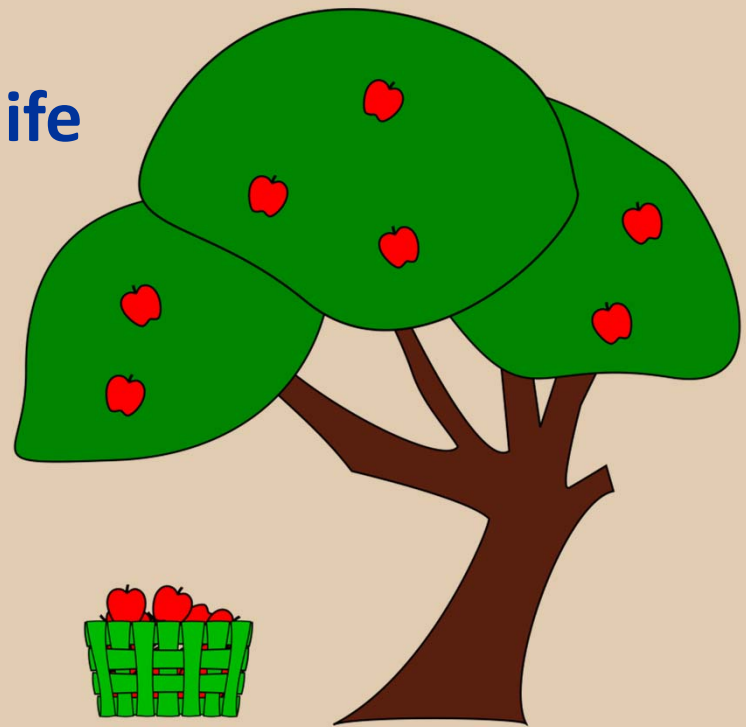
- the evidence of spiritual life

The First Epistle of John

three evidences of spiritual life

- ① the test of obedience
- ② the test of love
- ③ the test of faith

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13).



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① the test of obedience

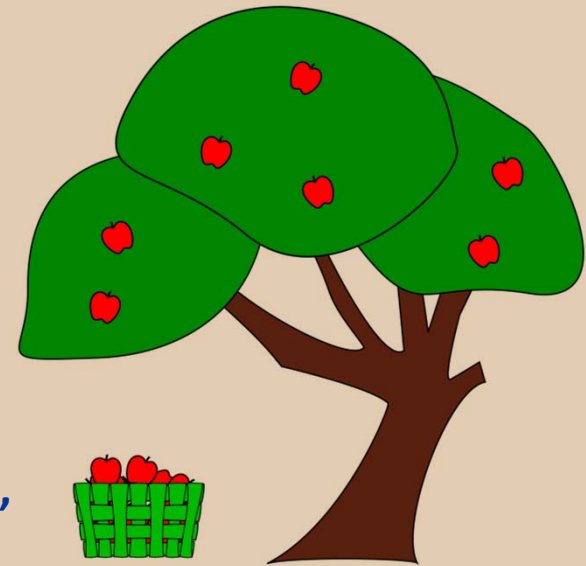
(+) the “obedience” statement

“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments” (1 John 2:3).

(-) the “liar” statement:

“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; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected” (1 John 2:4-5a).

(+) “By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked” (1 John 2:5b-6).



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② the test of love

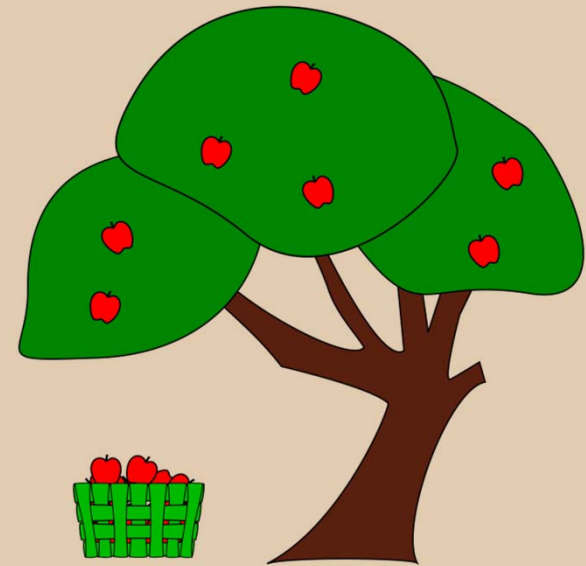
(+) the “love” statement

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death” (1 John 3:14)

(-) the “liar” statement:

“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar, for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20).

(+) “And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also” (1 John 4:21).



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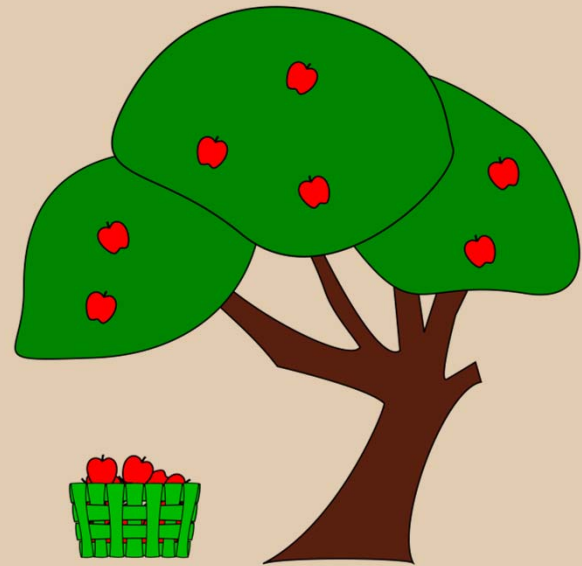
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③ the test of faith

(+) the “faith” statement

“As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father” (1 John 3:24)



(-) the “liar” statement:

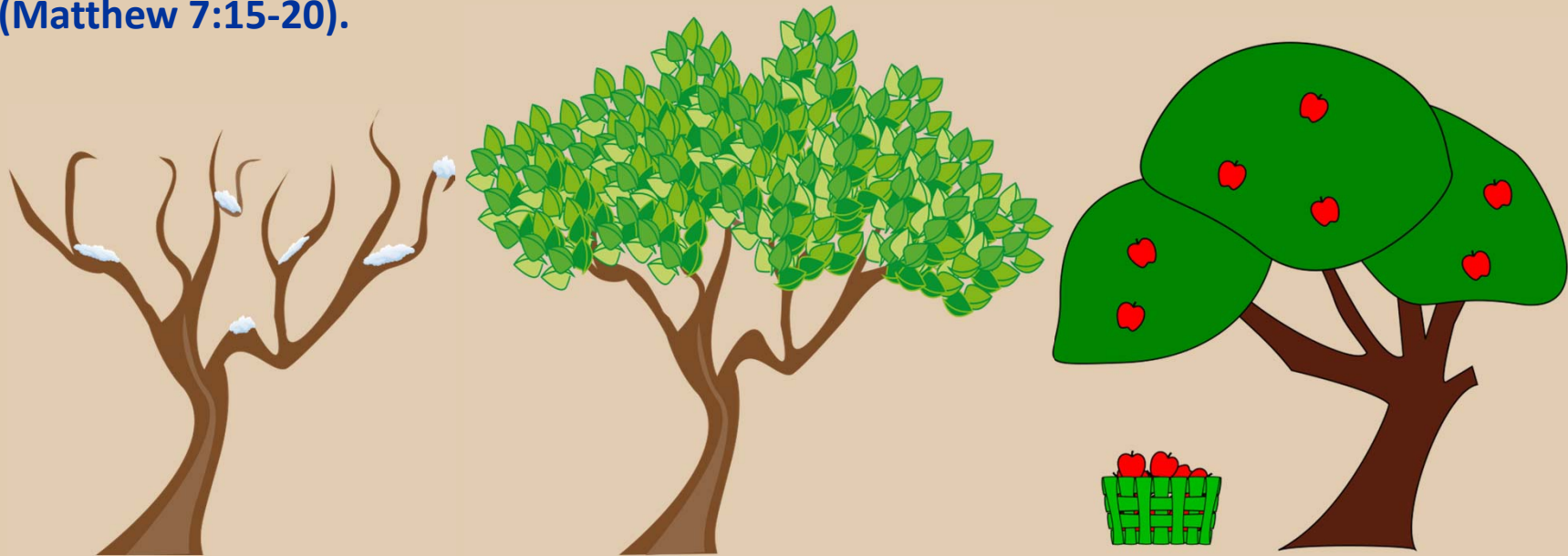
“I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son (1 John 2:21-22).

(+) “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God” (1 John 4:15).

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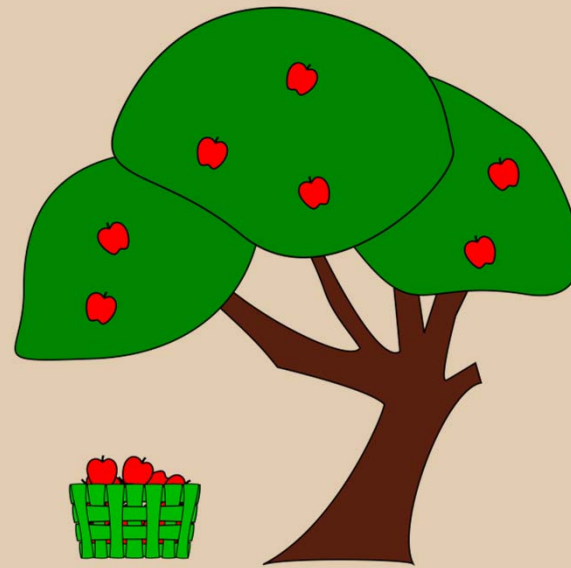
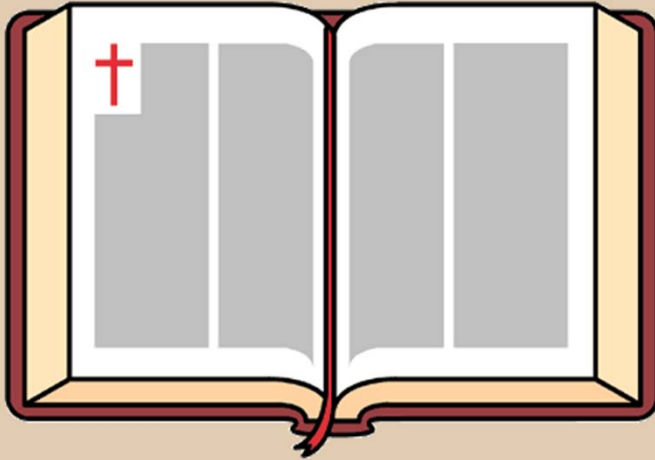
Jesus said, “Beware of the false prophet, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:15-20).



What does the fruit of your life reveal about you?

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