

## ***Biblical Evidence of True Salvation***

As a pastor for more than 30 years, the one question I get asked most often is, “*Can a Christian lose their salvation?*” Not everyone who says they are saved, truly are saved (Matt.7:21). Those who have truly been “born again” will evidence their salvation as the Apostle John said in the book of 1 John. They will demonstrate Christian virtues & produce Christ-like fruit in their lives.



Those who are ***Truly Saved*** will:

**1. Confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

*“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.” 1John 4:15*

**2. Obey the Commands of Jesus Christ.**

*“In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,” 1John 5:3 (No one is flawless, but Christians strive to be obedient.)*

**3. Be Unhappy, or Miserable, when they Sin.**

*“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.” 1John 3:9*

**4. Will Avoid Evil Influences, Actions, & Places.**

*“We know that God’s children do not make a practice of sinning, for God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them.” 1John 5:18 (TLB)*

**5. Love other Christians and Treat them Well.**

*“This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.” 1John 5:2 (If it isn’t loving – it isn’t God)*