

## The Evidence of Salvation

Colossians 1:23; 1 John

"Continuing in the faith" is a battle with sin; externally and internally. (1 John 1:5-2:2; 3:9-10; 5:16; Romans 6:6, 12, 7:19-25)

Experiencing the Savior - 1 John 1:1-4

Heard - comprehend

Seen - perceived

Looked at - a searching gaze

Touched - handle

Experiencing Assurance - Sin - 1 John 1:5-2:2; 3:9; 5:4, 18

**First Evidence:** 1 John 2:3-17 - Obedience to the 'commandments' and the first commandment is 'love' (10-11). (1 John 2:29-3:24)

**Second Evidence:** 1 John 2:26-28 - The anointing that you received that "abides in you". (1 John 4:4-6, 13; 5:7-12)

**Third Evidence:** 1 John 4:9-10, 14-19 - Knowing salvation is by Jesus Christ, God's son. (1 John 5:5-6, 19-20)

**Conclusion:** The least accurate evidence is the inner voice. (1 Timothy 3) The external things matter first, they matter most.

Second, measuring standards for those who have the Spirit of God:

We walk by faith

We see God in hard circumstances

We submit to authority

We naturally walk away from evil and its influences

We gladly submit to accountability

We enjoy the journey to know God and keep a short leash on personal sin

We are drawn to God's Word for wisdom in life

Third - 1 John 4:17-19 - The love of God grows and casts out fear in us such that it becomes more and more a part of our life with God and with others.

Fourth, Colossians 1:24 - How we suffer separates God's children from all other children.

Fifth, what I believe about the assurance of salvation reveals what I believe about God's Great Salvation.