

13. The true believer is safe and secure in Christ forever because God will complete the great work of salvation which He began in him (Phil. 1:6).

In Philippians 1:6 what word is a word of assurance? _____
 Paul was fully persuaded that the One who had _____ a good work in these
 Philippian believers would also _____ it (finish it, complete it) until the
 _____ of _____. Who was the One who began this
 good work in the lives of these believers? _____ Who is the One who keeps on working
 in them (Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:20-21)? _____ Will He finish this work
 (Philippians 1:6)? _____ Is God able to finish what He begins (Jude 24; 2 Tim. 1:12;
 Hebrews 7:25)? _____

What great event are believers **waiting** for (1 Corinthians 1:7)? _____
 _____ What great event are believers **looking** for (Titus 2:13)? _____
 _____ How do we know that this
 great event will take place (John 14:1-3)? _____

Were the believers in Corinth mature and healthy and growing (1 Corinthians 3:1-2)?
 _____ Was the Corinthian church a united church or a divided church (1 Cor. 1:10-13;
 3:3-4)? _____ Did all of the members of the
 Corinthian church live holy and pure lives (1 Cor. 5:1,13; 11:29-30)? _____ And yet, in
 spite of all their failures and sins and problems, we are amazed to discover that in 1
 Corinthians 1:8 Paul tells these believers that the Lord Jesus shall _____ them
 unto the _____ so that they would be _____ in the _____ of
 our Lord Jesus Christ! Is God able to finish the good work that He has begun even in
 Corinthian believers? _____ Even in you? _____

Philippians 1:6 and 1 Corinthians 1:8 both mention a certain day. What is this day
 called? _____ We learn in 1 Corinthians 1:7
 that this "day" will come to pass when what great event takes place? _____

Please MATCH the following:

1. _____ God began His work in me when I was first saved.	A. Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:21.
2. _____ God is working in me right now.	B. 1 Corinthians 1:7-8; Phil. 3:20-21.
3. _____ God will finish and will complete this great work.	C. Acts 16:31; John 6:29; Ephesians 1:12-13; 1 Corinthians 6:11
4. _____ God delivered me, He is delivering me right now, and He will deliver me! (This speaks of our great salvation—past, present and future!)	D. 2 Corinthians 1:10

God's eternal purpose is to conform us to what (Rom. 8:28-29)? _____

_____ When will God's purpose for us be fulfilled (1 John 3:2)? _____

_____ According to 1 John 3:2, **why** will we be like Christ on that day? _____ Does God

want us to see and behold the Lord Jesus even now (2 Cor. 3:18)? _____ How can we see Christ today (Luke 24:27,44-45; John 5:39)? _____

If it were possible for a true believer to lose his salvation, then God's eternal purpose to conform him to the image of Christ would have failed! Is this possible? _____ When God purposes to do something, will that purpose be fulfilled (Isaiah 14:27; 46:10-11)? _____

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We have now studied 13 reasons (pages 54-72) why the true believer is eternally safe and secure in Christ forever! Does the Bible teach that a true believer can lose his salvation and be lost (John 6:37-40)? _____ If you are a true believer in Christ, are you really safe and secure in Christ forever (John 10:28)? _____

It is vitally important not only to **KNOW** that I am saved, but also to **SHOW** that I am saved. If I really have **God's LIFE** then that LIFE ought to be manifested and demonstrated. I need to remember that there is something that every true believer possesses:

"He that believeth on Me hath (has) eternal _____" (John 6:47)

"He is passed from death unto _____" (John 5:24)

"He that hath (has) the Son hath (has) _____" (1 John 5:12)

Therefore, every true believer possesses L_____. The person who is not a true believer does not have _____ (1 John 5:12 and compare Eph. 2:1). He is dead. He breathes and exists and walks and eats, but he does not have the _____ of _____ (Ephesians 4:18).

Let's think about physical life for a moment. We know that the body without the spirit is _____ (James 2:26). How did Martha know that her brother Lazarus was truly dead (John 11:39)? _____

(decomposition is a sure sign of death!) What did Lazarus do that indicated that he had truly come back to life (John 11:44)? _____

If you were to see a person walking, talking, eating and laughing, you would certainly conclude that this person must have physical _____.

Suppose you had a young child who was only a year old. Suddenly one day you hear your child falling down the stairs. As you rush to help your child, would you rather hear your child crying or would you rather hear no sound at all? _____

Why? _____

If you were to hear your baby crying, then that would be a sure sign that your child is _____.

As children of God and as possessors of God's LIFE, there ought to be **signs of LIFE**. There ought to be certain signs in our life that clearly show that we have been born of God. We want to study what these signs are and we want to test ourselves to see if these signs are really present in our lives. The Bible says, "_____ [test] yourselves, whether ye be in the _____" (2 Cor. 13:5). Are you really in the _____ (2 Cor. 13:5)? Have you really _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31)? _____ Have you really passed from _____ unto _____ (John 5:24)? Have you really been S_____ by G_____ through F_____ (Eph. 2:8)? Have you really C_____ to Christ as a poor, helpless, hopeless, lost sinner (John 6:37)? Have you truly R_____ Him (John 1:12)?

We are now going to go to the Bible and look at certain **signs of life** or characteristics that ought to be true of every believer. If these things do not characterize your life, then this means one of two things: **1) You are spiritually sick.** That is, you are a true believer who is very carnal and in a backslidden state (1 Cor. 3:1-4). You need to get right with God. **2) You are spiritually dead.** That is, you are not a true believer and you don't have God's life. You may have *professed* salvation but you may never have *possessed* salvation. You need to receive Christ as your personal Saviour and trust in Him and Him alone (John 1:12; 6:47).

Sign of Life #1—A true believer BELIEVES the Word of God (1 John 5:9-12).

It sounds so very obvious! A true believer believes! If you don't believe, you are not a true believer! Read 1 John 5:9. This verse compares the witness (testimony) of _____ with the witness (testimony) of _____. We usually receive the testimony of men. This means we usually believe what men tell us. Do men lie most of the time or do men generally tell the truth most of the time? _____ Even liars tell the truth most of the time because if they lied all the time no one would ever believe them (and liars want people to believe their lies). When a person tells you something, do you usually say, "I don't believe you. You're a liar!"? _____ If you heard on the radio that the President was shot, would you believe it? _____ Suppose that your doctor told you that you had cancer. Would you believe him? _____ If your neighbor told you that your car had a flat tire, would you believe him enough to check it out? _____ Do we usually receive the testimony of men (1 John 5:9)? _____ Whose testimony is even greater than that of men (1 John 5:9)? _____ Most of the time men tell the truth, but do they always? _____ According to Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18, why is the testimony of God greater? _____ If we normally believe what men tell us, how much more should we believe _____. If we take men at their word, how much more should we _____.

When a person does not believe the testimony of God, what does he make God (1 John 5:10)? _____ But the person who is a true believer is able to say, "Lord, You are a God of _____ (Deut. 32:4) and the Bible is _____ (John 17:17) and therefore I know that everything You say in Your Word must be _____." The record (testimony, witness) that God gave concerning His Son is found in 1 John 5:11-12. What did God give to us (1 John 5:11)? _____ Is eternal life a free gift or is it something we must work for (compare Rom. 6:23)? _____ Where is this gift found (1 John 5:11)? _____ According to 1 John 5:12, the person who has the _____ has _____ and the person who does not have _____ does not have _____.

The person who believes God's testimony concerning His Son is able to say, "Lord, I believe that eternal life is a free G _____ and this life is found only in Your S _____, and because I have R _____ Christ (John 1:12) as my personal Saviour, I now K _____ (1 John 5:13) that I have eternal _____."

Some people claim to believe in Jesus, but they have problems believing the Word of God. Their real problem is that of **UNBELIEF** (read Luke 24:25-27; Matt. 22:29). Let's examine some of their problems:

1) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe the Bible."

But Jesus said that God's Word is _____ (John 17:17) and the Scriptures cannot be _____ (John 10:35) and all things that are written in the Scriptures must be _____ (Luke 24:44) including every jot and every _____ (Matt. 5:18)! Did Jesus believe the Bible? _____ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus but I believe that Jesus was wrong when He said that the Bible is truth." Is it possible for the Son of God to be wrong? _____ Therefore this is what the believer should say, "I believe in Jesus and because I believe in Jesus I also believe _____."

2) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe what Paul wrote."

But Paul said, "For this we say unto you by _____ _____ _____ _____" (1 Thess. 4:15; compare John 16:12-13). "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I (Paul) write unto you are the _____" (1 Cor. 14:37).

"Now we command you, brethren, in the _____
 _____" (2 Thess. 3:6). Did Peter recognize Paul's letters as being
 "scripture" (2 Peter 3:15-16)? _____ Therefore, the believer should say, "I believe in Jesus
 and I also believe what _____ wrote because Paul was an _____
 of _____ (Galatians 1:1) and his writings are God-
 breathed (2 Tim. 3:16) just as all the rest of the Bible."

3) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in Adam and Eve."

But Jesus said, "Have ye not read that He who made them at the _____
 made them _____ and _____" (Matt.19:4; compare Gen. 1:27). Did Jesus
 believe in the Genesis account of creation? _____ Was Jesus an evolutionist or a
 creationist? _____ What these people are really saying is this: "I believe
 in Jesus but I believe that Jesus was wrong when He taught that Adam and Eve were created
 in the beginning." Should we believe in a God who can be wrong? _____ Our answer is this:
 "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe _____."

4) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in Moses and I don't believe what Moses wrote, in fact, I don't even believe Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible."

But Jesus said, "For had ye believed _____, ye would have believed _____;
 for he (Moses) wrote of _____. But if ye do not believe his writings, how shall ye believe
 _____ (John 5:46-47)?" Did the Lord Jesus believe that Moses wrote the book
 of Exodus (compare Mark 12:26 with Exodus 3:6)? _____ Read Matthew 4:4,7,10 and
 compare this with Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:13. To defeat Satan the Lord Jesus quoted
 three times from what Old Testament book? _____ Who was the human author
 of this book (Deut. 1:1)? _____ Did the Lord consider the books of Moses important
 and worthy of belief (Luke 24:25-27)? _____ Did the Lord consider the books of Moses as
 part of the Scriptures (Luke 24:44-45)? _____ Even the psalmist said, "Thy word is
 _____ from _____ (Psalm 119:160). Therefore the
 believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus, I also believe what _____ wrote."

5) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe in a universal flood that covered the whole world in the days of Noah."

But Jesus said, "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in
 marriage, until the day that _____ entered into the _____ and the _____
 came, and _____ them all" (Luke 17:27). Did Jesus believe in Noah and the ark
 and the flood? _____

What these people are really saying is this: "I believe in Jesus, but I believe that Jesus was mistaken when He taught about Noah. Jesus didn't realize that Noah and the flood is just a story and never really happened." Should we put our faith in a God who can make mistakes?_____ Therefore the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe in a world-wide _____ that destroyed the world in the days of _____."

6) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't believe Daniel really wrote the book of Daniel."

But Jesus said, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation (Daniel 9:27) spoken of by _____ the _____" (Matthew 24:15). Did Jesus believe that we should read and understand the book of Daniel (Matt. 24:15)? _____ Did Jesus believe that Daniel wrote the book of Daniel? _____ Therefore, the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe that _____ wrote the book of _____."

7) Some might say, "I believe in Jesus but I cannot believe that Jonah was really swallowed by a great fish."

But Jesus said, "Jonah was three days and three nights in the _____" (Matthew 12:40; compare Jonah 1:17). Therefore, the believer should say, "Because I believe in Jesus I also believe that _____ was really in the belly of a great fish. Jesus said it! That settles it! And I believe it!"

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A person who is truly saved believes the testimony of God! He believes all of God's Word including the letters of Paul, the books of Moses, the prophecy of Daniel and the book of Jonah. Are you a Bible believer? Do you believe the Word of God? Do you believe the testimony that God has given concerning His Son (1 John 5:9-12)? ***"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."***

Sign of Life #2—A true believer has a hunger for the Word of God (1 Peter 2:2).

In 1 Peter 1:23 we learn that a person is _____ by the _____
_____. In 1 Peter 2:2 we find that the person who has been born-again is likened to a _____. What is the one thing that babies yearn for, long for, earnestly desire, and fuss over if they don't get it? _____ If a baby has no desire for _____ then something must be wrong! Healthy babies have a real hunger for _____. Likewise, what should the born-again believer yearn for and desire (1 Pet. 2:2)? _____

[The last question was this: "What does a born-again believer yearn for and desire?"—1 Peter 2:2] If a believer has no desire for _____ then something must be terribly wrong! A healthy believer therefore should have a real hunger for _____. Is there something wrong with a Christian who never wants to read his Bible? _____ If a believer truly has a hunger for God's Word, then should he desire to faithfully attend a Bible-teaching church where he can learn more of God's Word? _____

The person who truly has been born-again should be able to say these things:
(take time to reach each verse)

1. "Lord, I truly _____ Thy Word" (Psalm 119:97,113,119, 127,167).
2. "Lord, Thy Word is my _____" (Psalm 119:77; 1:2; 119:16,47,143,174).
3. "Lord, Thy Word is _____" (Psalm 119:129).
4. "Lord, open my eyes so that I might behold _____ things out of Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).
5. "Lord, Thy Word _____ my eyes (Psalm 19:8) and gives _____ (Psalm 119:130; compare verse 105 and 2 Peter 1:19) and gives _____" (Psalm 119:130).
6. "Lord, Thy Word causes my heart to _____" (Psalm.19:8; 119:111,162).
7. "Lord, Thy Word is _____ than all the money in the world!" (Psalm 119:72).
8. "Lord, Thy Word is more to be _____ than _____. How precious is Thy Word to me!" (Psalm 19:10)
9. "Lord, Thy Word is _____ to me than honey and I would rather feed upon Thy Word than enjoy the best food that could ever be prepared for my stomach!" (Psalm 19:10; 119:103).
10. "Lord, truly I have _____ after Thy Word" (Psalm 119:40, 131).

The Bible is God's personal love-letter to me and I should read it with that attitude! I should set aside time each day to meet with my God and with my Bible! If I really love the Lord, then I will love to hear Him speak to me! And God speaks to me as I read His precious Word! Do I really love God's Word? Do I really desire God's Word more than riches and material things? Do I enjoy reading the Bible and learning truth from the living God? Do I really hunger for the Word of God? Do I really love to go to church to learn more of the Bible? Is Psalm 19:7-11 really true for me?

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."

Note: If a person meditates on one verse from Psalm 119 each day, then he will be able to go through this precious psalm (the longest chapter in the Bible) twice in a year's time!

**Sign of Life #3—A true believer prays to his Heavenly Father
(Romans 8:15-16).**

One of the ways a baby expresses **life** is by crying. The baby cries when he is hungry, when he is hurt, when he is wet, when he is uncomfortable, etc., but the very fact that he cries proves that the baby must be _____! Do dead babies cry? ____ Likewise, when a person is born into God's family (Galatians 3:26), he enjoys a new relationship that he never had before! He now can cry out, " _____ " (Romans 8:15; Gal. 4:6; compare Mark 14:36)! He now has a personal knowledge and relationship with the only _____ (John 17:3) and he is able to call Him his _____ (Matthew 6:32). He is now able to _____ always for _____ (Eph. 5:20). Because the child of God has had all of his sins completely cleansed and forgiven (Heb. 10:17), he can _____ to God (Hebrews 10:22) and he can _____ boldly to the _____, to obtain _____ and to find _____ to help in time of _____ (Hebrews 4:16). When the believer draws near to God, what does God promise to do (James 4:8; compare Zechariah 1:3)? _____

Prayer is simply talking to the living God! Just as a baby must learn how to talk, so the believer must learn how to _____ to God! We ought to pray as the disciples prayed in Luke 11:1: "Lord, _____ me _____." A baby learns to talk by talking (even though it may not make much sense at first)! A believer learns how to pray by _____! The more a believer prays, the easier it will become! Would something be wrong with a child who grew up and never learned how to talk? ____ If a person claims to be a child of God and never talks with the Lord, would you think that something was wrong?

The early church was a healthy church because the believers continued steadfastly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fellowship, in breaking of bread and _____ (Acts 2:42). How do we know that Daniel was a man of God (Daniel 6:10)? _____
_____ How do we know that David was a man of God (Psalm 55:17)? _____
How do we know that Paul and Silas were men of God (Acts 16:25)? _____

Do you enjoy talking to the Lord throughout the day? Do you spend time in prayer every day? Is the prayer meeting service at the church very important to you? Have you learned to give thanks to God for all things? Do you come to His throne of grace and cast all your care upon Him?

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**Sign of Life #4—A true believer loves his brothers and sisters in Christ
(1 John 3:14).**

The Lord Jesus has told us that the person who is a true believer has passed from _____ unto _____ (John 5:24). How can I know whether or not I have truly passed from _____ unto _____? God's answer is found in 1 John 3:14: We _____ that we have passed from _____ unto _____ because _____. The person who does not _____ his brother has not passed from _____ unto _____ because he still abides _____ (1 John 3:14).

There are two things that are true in the life of a person who is a child of the devil (1 John 3:10):

1. He does not live a righteous life.
2. He does not _____

What message has God given to the believer (1 John 3:11)? _____
_____ In 1 John 3:12 we learn that Cain (see Genesis 4:1-11) was a child of _____ because two things were true in Cain's life (1 John 3:12):

1. We know that Cain did not live a righteous life because his own works _____
2. We know that Cain did not love his brother because _____

Did Cain hate Abel? _____ This sin of hatred finally led to the horrible sin of murder! Compare Matthew 5:21-22. Everyone who hates his brother is _____ (1 John 3:15). What do we know about a murderer (1 Jn. 3:15)? _____ Why should we lay down our life for the brethren (1 John 3:16)? _____

Read **1 John 3:17** and answer true or false:

- _____ This verse is talking about a person who sees a real need in his brother's life.
 _____ This person is able to meet this need.
 _____ This person is willing to meet this need.
 _____ This person refuses to meet this need.
 _____ The love of God dwells in this person.
 _____ This person is probably a true believer.
 _____ This person is just like the person described in James 2:15-16.

How does God want us to love (1 Jn. 3:18)? _____ As believers in Christ, what should we be doing (1 John 4:7)? _____ Why should we be doing this (1 John 4:7)? _____

There are two things that are true about the person who really loves (1 John 4:7):

1. He is _____ of _____.
2. He knows _____ (compare John 17:3).

What can we say about the person who does not love (1 John 4:8)? _____
 _____ Is God a God of love (1 Jn. 4:8)? _____ Therefore, if we
 are to imitate God as beloved children (see Ephesians 5:1), then what will be true of our
 lives? _____ How do we know that God loved
 us (1 John 4:9-10)? _____
 _____ Did God "so love" us (1 John 4:11; compare John
 3:16)? _____ According to 1 John 4:11 why should we love one another? _____
 _____ Why do we love (1 John 4:19)? _____
 _____ If a man says that he loves God but hates his brother, what is he
 (1 John 4:20)? _____ If a person hates his visible brother, does he really love
 the invisible God (1 John 4:20)? _____ The person who truly loves God should also _____
 _____ (1 John 4:21). Please read 1 John 2:9-11 also.

In John 13:34 the Lord Jesus, on the night before He died on the cross, gave His
 disciples a new commandment: "That ye _____ one another; _____,
 that ye also love one another." This means that we should love one another in the same way
 that _____ loved us! Ephesians 4:32 teaches us that we are to forgive _____
 _____ in the same way that _____ forgave us! If Christ could
 love a rotten sinner like you (see Romans 5:6-8), then can you love your brothers and sisters
 in Christ? _____ If Christ could forgive you of all _____ (Col. 2:13), then
 can you forgive those who wrong you? _____

How is the world going to know that we are true disciples of Christ (John 13:35)?

If a person truly loves his brothers and sisters in Christ, will he desire to assemble
 together with them in a Bible-teaching church (compare Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42)? _____
 Did the early church care for one another in love (Acts 2:44-45)? _____

Do you really love the saints? Do you lay down your life for other believers? Do you
 give of yourself for others? Do you love them in deed and in truth? Do you pray for them? Do
 you seek to help them in every way possible? Do you assemble together with God's people
 as often as possible? Do you love them because Christ loved you?

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Sign of Life #5—A true believer obeys the Word of God (1 John 2:3).

The person who has eternal life is the person who _____ the only true God and _____ whom He has sent (John 17:3). How can we know whether or not we really know Christ as our personal Saviour and Lord? According to 1 John 2:3, if a person truly knows Christ what will he do? _____

Consider a person who says, "I'm so glad that I know the Lord Jesus as my Saviour" but as you observe his life you notice that he does not seem to live according to the Word of God. What are two things that are probably true about this person (1 John 2:4)?

1. _____ 2. _____

The person who keeps and obeys God's Word is truly the person in whom the _____ is perfected (brought to maturity) and the obedient believer can **know** that he is _____ Christ (1 John 2:5). If a person is truly abiding in the Lord Jesus, then how should he walk and live (1 John 2:6)? _____ To see how our Lord Jesus walked, read carefully the following verses and match them to the proper statements:

1. _____ John 5:30; 6:38	A. The Lord Jesus always kept His Father's Word.
2. _____ John 8:29	B. The Lord Jesus always did those things that pleased His Father.
3. _____ John 8:54-55	C. The Lord Jesus always did His Father's will.

According to 1 John 5:1-2, a person becomes a child of God (*circle the correct answer*):

- a. by believing that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah).
- b. by loving the brethren
- c. by loving God
- d. by keeping and obeying God's commandments

What is the love of God (1 John 5:3)? _____

We know that God's commandments are not _____ (heavy, burdensome). Is it a heavy burden for us to do what God tells us to do? _____ Does God give us commandments so that He can make life miserable for us? _____ Is it true that we are usually most miserable when we fail to obey the Lord? _____ Did David feel that the commandments of the Lord were grievous (Psalm 19:7-11)? _____ In Deuteronomy 6:24 we learn that God has commanded us to do certain things "for our _____" (compare Deut. 10:13; Jer. 32:39). God wants the very best for us!!

If a person loves Christ, what will he do (John 14:15)? _____

The person who truly loves Christ is the person who 1) has His _____ and 2) _____ (obeys) His commandments (John 14:21). If a person really loves the Lord Jesus then he will _____ (obey) Christ's _____ (John 14:23). The person who does not love Christ does not _____ (John 14:24). Therefore, how can the believer show that he really loves the Saviour?

Should children obey their parents (Col. 3:20)? _____ Should slaves obey their masters (Col. 3:22)? _____ Should wives obey their husbands (1 Pet. 3:5-6)? _____ Therefore as children of God we should walk as _____ (1 Pet. 1:14). As love-slaves of God (see 1 Cor. 6:19-20) we should glorify God and _____ Him in _____ things (compare Col. 3:22). And because the church is the bride of Christ (see Eph. 5:22-23) we should obey _____ who is the _____ of the _____ (Eph. 5:23).

According to Galatians 3:1 what is it that we should obey? _____ What is "the truth" according to Ephesians 1:13 and John 17:17? _____ According to Deuteronomy 11:27; 13:4; 27:10; 28:62; 30:2,8,20 what should we obey? _____ According to Jeremiah 7:23; 11:4,7; 26:13; 38:20; 42:6 what should we obey? _____ In what way did the nation of Israel fail (Jeremiah 3:13,25; 9:13; 11:8; 17:23; 32:23; 40:3; 42:21; 43:4,7; 44:23)? _____

Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23. What commandment did the Lord give to Saul (1 Sam. 15:3)?

_____ Why would the Lord give such a commandment (read Deut. 7:1-6, especially v.4)? _____

_____ In what way did Saul disobey this commandment (1 Sam. 15:8-9)? _____

In what way did Saul obey this commandment (1 Sam. 15:8-9)? _____

_____ Did Saul think that he was obedient to the Lord (v.13)? _____ Why did Saul spare the sheep and oxen (v.15)? _____

_____ Did Samuel think that Saul obeyed the Lord (v.19)? _____ What does the Lord desire above everything else (v.22)? _____

Is disobedience a serious sin (v.23)? _____ Is it as horrible in the eyes of God as the sins of witchcraft and idolatry? _____ What was it that Saul rejected? _____

_____ Whom did God reject (v.23)? _____

In Matthew 8:27 what was it that obeyed the voice of Christ? _____
 Who else obeyed His voice (Mark 1:27)? _____ Do dead men obey His
 voice (John 11:43-44; 1 Thess. 4:16)? _____ Therefore, is God asking too much when He
 expects His children to serve Him in loving obedience? _____ Do you really love the Lord
 Jesus? Do you listen to His voice by reading the Bible every day? Do you love to obey His
 voice? Do you seek to live your life according to the Word of God? Are you willing to do
 whatever the Lord tells you to do? Do you really believe that God's commandments are for
 your good? Are you walking as an obedient child of God?

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Sign of Life #6—A true believer will not continue in sin but will live a righteous life (1 John 3:7-8).

The person who is truly born-again will do (practice) _____
 (1 John 2:29). What are two things that we know about the person who sins (1 John 3:6; the
 word "sinneth" is in the present tense and means "keeps on sinning, continues in sin")?

1) _____ 2) _____

The person who truly has been **justified** (declared to be just as righteous as Christ) does
 (practices) _____ (1 John 3:7). What do we know about the person who
 keeps on committing sin (1 Jn. 3:8)? _____ Whoever is
 truly _____ of God does not keep on committing _____; ...and he cannot _____
 (present tense: "he cannot keep on sinning, he cannot continuously sin") because he is
 _____ " (1 John 3:9). An unsaved person not only hates his
 brother, but he does not do (practice) _____ (1 Jn. 3:10). The born-
 again person does not _____ (1 John 5:18; present tense, "he does not keep on
 sinning").

What advice would you give an unsaved person (circle the correct answer)?

- a. "You must stop living continuously in sin!" (compare Genesis 19:7)
- b. "You need to start living a righteous life!"
- c. "You must be born again!" (John 3:7)

If a person truly belongs to the Lord (see 2 Timothy 2:19) he will not only name the name
 of _____ but he will also _____
 (unrighteousness). What do we know about people who keep on doing the things listed in
 Galatians 5:19-21? _____

What do we know about the person whose life is characterized by unrighteousness (1 Cor. 6:9-10)? _____

What is Paul's answer to this question: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Romans 6:1-2) _____ (literally this means: "let it not be so" or "may it never be"). Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:15)? _____ The natural man (1 Cor. 2:14) thinks this way in his heart: "A saved person should continue living in sin so that everyone will see how gracious and longsuffering God can be towards His wicked children." Is this the attitude a true believer should have? _____ The spiritual man (1 Cor. 2:15-16) realizes that the grace of God teaches him to deny two things (Titus 2:11-12):

1. _____ Have you been looking up all the
2. _____ verses that are listed on these

And God's grace teaches him to live three ways:

(Titus 2:12) 1. _____ cheating yourself! Let us saturate our
2. _____ minds in God's truth so that our lives
3. _____ will be changed!

Here are some of the ways that God's grace teaches us how to live:

1. God has graciously forgiven us (Eph. 4:32) and this teaches us that we should _____ one another!
2. God has graciously loved us (John 13:34) and this teaches us that we should _____ one another!
3. God has graciously declared us to be just as righteous as His Son (1 John 3:7; compare Rom. 3:24) and this teaches us that we should live a _____ life (compare 1 Pet. 2:24).
4. God has graciously humbled Himself by becoming a man and even going to the cross (Philippians 2:5-8), and this teaches us that we should humble ourselves and be concerned about the things of _____ (Phil. 2:4).
5. God has graciously been merciful to us (Rom. 12:1) and this teaches us that we must present our _____ a _____!
6. God has graciously called us unto Himself to be holy (Eph. 4:1), and this teaches us to walk W _____ of the calling to which we have been _____!

Is your life characterized by right thinking, right acting, right speaking and right living? Have you departed from iniquity? Are you enjoying freedom from the power of sin in your daily life?

"EXAMINE YOURSELVES WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH."