

SIGN OF A TRUE BELIEVER IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

John 8:31; Matthew 7:22-23
with me)

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Introduction: There are many things which seem to indicate that a person is a Christian. Remember Judas who turned out to be a traitor, then Ananias and Sapphira who were Church members but lied and lost their lives, then there was Demas who seemed to be a follower, a co-worker with Paul, but left, then there was Diotrephes who didn't want to listen to anybody but wanted to run things his way. All these men appeared to be believers in Jesus but eventually proved that they were not true to what they professed to be. If a person has been truly reborn of God then he/she will repent of his/her sin, trust in Jesus Christ alone as Savior, bow to Christ as his/her rightful Lord, love his/her fellow Christians with a sincere, heartfelt love, struggle with sin in his/her life and be continually growing in repentance, faith and love.

I. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN TO BE LOST AGAIN.

1. God's covenant of Grace cannot be nullified in any way.
- *Jeremiah 32:37-41*
2. Jesus Christ cannot have shed His blood in vain.
- *Ephesians 5:25-27*
3. The seal of the Holy Spirit cannot ever be broken.
- *Ephesians 1:13-14*
4. God's power can never be defeated.
- *1 Peter 1:3-5*
5. God's promises can never be broken.
- *John 10:27-29*
6. God's love can never cease.
- *John 13:1*
7. God is immutable and will never allow His Children to perish.
- *Malachi 3:6*
8. Sin can never be imputed to a justified person.
- *Romans 4:8; 8:33-34*

II. ALL TRUE BELIEVERS PERSEVERE IN GRACE AND FAITH

1. God's Word has many warnings to those who start out in faith but drop out, stop, fall along the side, who depart from the Lord Jesus, His Gospel and His Church.
- *Hebrews 6:4-6*
- *Hebrews 10:26-29*
- *Hebrews 10:38*
- *2 Peter 2:20-22*
- *1 John 5:16*
2. All true believers keep on believing.
- One's faith in the Lord is mixed with questions, even unbelief, but the object of the true believer's faith never changes. It is Christ alone.
- *2 Timothy 1:12; 4:6-8*
3. All true believers continue in God's Word.
- True believers continue to live by the rule of God's Word, continue to try to understand the Word, continue to believe the Gospel teachings.

- **John 6:68**

- There is a warning to those who do fall, drift away from the faith and Paul said:

- **Galatians 5:1-5**

4. All true believers are faithful in worship and fellowship with other believers.

- God's Children worship Him and feed upon His Word.

- God's Children delight in getting together with other believers in God's House.

- The Church is the believer's family.

- The Church is where the Lord meets with His People.

- The Church is where God speaks to His Children.

- The first step in falling away, in leaving the faith toward complete separation from God's Children is to neglect, to stop publicly worshiping with other believers.

- **Hebrews 10:25-26**

- Those who leave other believers also leave the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **1 John 2:19**

CONCLUSION:

1. Every Church has church members who never attend. Some once did, some never did, some have had problems come up, some are sick, some are dependent upon others to help them get to services.
 - There are names on Church rolls of people who have not attended services for years.
2. All true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will continue, will persevere in their faith.
 - They will remain faithful in reading God's Word and applying it to their lives.
 - They will remain faithful in daily prayer, not just repeating words, but words from their hearts.
 - They will be active in their Church, loving to worship with their brothers and sisters in the Lord.
 - They will support other believers in whatever way that they can.
3. God will keep His Word, let those who "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ" keep theirs also.
 - God's grace is sufficient.
 - Christian, consecrate yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - It is one thing to "say I'm a Christian" but it is an entirely different thing to live as a Christian.
4. Are YOU a true, real, genuine Christian, believer in the Lord Jesus Christ? How do others know that you are?