

The Tests and Traits of True Saving Faith I John – Part 5

I. Review

A. 7 Tests of True Saving Faith

1. 1:6 – false fellowship: not honest with others
2. 1:8 – false sanctity: not honest with ourselves
3. 1:10 – false righteousness: not honest with God
4. 2:4 – false allegiance: not honest with Christ
5. 2:6 – false behavior: not honest with the world
6. 2:9 – false spirituality: not honest with brothers, sisters
7. 4:20 – false love to God: not honest at all

B. The Doctrinal Test of Assurance – 1 John 2:18-27

1. First characteristic of the false believer (v.19)
2. First test of the true believer(v.20)
3. Second characteristic of the false believer (v.22-23)
4. Second characteristic of the true believer (v.24-25)
5. Third characteristic of the false believer (v.26)
6. Third characteristic of the true believer (v.27)

C. The Doctrinal Test Reveals

1. False believers – depart the fellowship, deny the faith, deceive the faithful
2. True believers – anointed by the Holy One, accepts the faith, abides in the faith.

II. 7 Traits of True Saving Faith

- A. 1 John 2:29 – true knowledge of Christ
- B. 1 John 3:9 - true consistent conduct
- C. 1 John 3:14 – true exercise of love
- D. 1 John 4:7 – true consistent love for brothers, sisters
- E. 1 John 5:1 – true continual believing and trust
- F. 1 John 5:4 – true victorious power over the world
- G. 1 John 5:18 – true reliance upon Christ's protection