

THE ABSOLUTES OF THE FAITH: The Heart of First John

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The Facts of the Faith

1. I John 1:6 “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not *practice* the truth.”
2. I John 2:9 “He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.”
3. I John 2:4 “He who says ‘I know Him’, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”
4. I John 3:10b “Whoever does not *practice* righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.”
5. I John 3:6 “Whoever abides in Him does not sin [*continually*]. Whoever sins [*continually*] has neither seen Him nor known Him.”
6. I John 3:9 “Whoever has been born of God does not [*practice*] sin, for His Seed [*Holy Spirit*] remains in him; and he cannot sin [*as a way of life*], because he has been born of God.”
7. I John 3:8a “He who sins [*as a life style*] is of the devil...”
8. I John 3:14b “He who does not love his brother abides in death.”

The Measures of Faith

1. Keeping His commandments: 2:3-6, 2:29, 3:24, 5:2-3.
2. The practice of righteousness: 2:29, 3:7, 3:10b.
3. Love of God and of one’s brother: 2:10, 2:15, 3:17-18, 4:7ff.
4. Belief in and confession of Christ: 2:22-23, 3:23, 4:2, 4:15, 5:1.
5. Being indwelt by the Holy Spirit: 2:27, 3:24, 4:4, 4:13,
6. Abiding in Christ: 2:28. See also John 15:1-14.

How a Person Can Know He is Saved

1. The way to fellowship and cleansing: I John 1:7.
2. By keeping His commandments: I John 2:3, 5:2.
3. By obedience to all of God’s word: I John 2:5.
4. By doing the will of the Father: I John 2:17.
5. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit: I John 2:27, 29, 3:24, 4:13.
6. By the love we have for God & our brother: All of I John [esp.4:16-19].
7. By our true confession of faith: I John 3:23, 4:2, 10, 15,

8. By our sanctification through the Spirit: I John 3:3-10.