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FIND CONFIDENCE IN THE EVIDENCE

“Salvation is a posture of repentance and faith in Christ that you adopt at your conversion and maintain for a lifetime.” (Pastor J.D. Greear)

1 John 5:13, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know** that you have eternal life.”

- True REPENTANCE and long-lasting FAITH will reveal themselves by certain EVIDENCES in your life.
 - 1 John 5:13, 3:10
- Evidence #1: **You Love God**
 - Your desires change. You develop a growing taste for the things of God, and develop an increasing distaste for sinful things.
 - Your actions change, although old habits die hard.
 - 1 John 2:15-17, 2:3-6, 2:29, 3:4-10, 5:3-5
- Evidence #2: **You Love Others**
 - You enjoy fellowship with Christians, and become like family with them.
 - You develop compassion for unbelievers.
 - 1 John 2:9-11, 3:17-18, 4:7
- By the evidence of our true repentance and long-lasting faith, **the Holy Spirit** takes away our **fear** and replaces it with **confidence** in Christ.
 - When exactly were you saved? It is probably hard to know for sure. But you do not necessarily even need to know that. You DO, however, need to know one thing – **is the Holy Spirit at work within me?** If so, then you are a Christian!
 - 1 John 3:19-24, Galatians 5:22–23, 1 John 4:16-18