

## The Character of Genuine Saving Faith

(from the MacArthur Study Bible)

### 2 Corinthians 13:5

#### I. EVIDENCES THAT NEITHER PROVE NOR DISPROVE ONE'S FAITH

- A. Visible Morality: Matt 19:16-21; 23:27
- B. Intellectual Knowledge: Ro 1:21; 2:17ff
- C. Religious Involvement: Matt 25:1-10
- D. Active Ministry: Matt 7:21-24
- E. Conviction of Sin: Act 24:25
- F. Assurance: Matt 23
- G. Time of Decision: Luke 8:13,14

#### II. THE FRUIT/PROOFS OF AUTHENTIC/TRUE CHRISTIANITY

- A. Love for God: Ps 42:1ff; 73:25; Luke 10:27; Ro 8:7
- B. Repentance from Sin: Ps 32:5; Pr 28:13; Ro 7:14ff; 2Cor 7:10; 1Jn 1:8-10
- C. Genuine Humility: Ps 51:17; Matt 5:1-12; Jam 4:6ff
- D. Devotion to God's Glory: Ps 105:3; 115:1; Is 13:7; 48:10ff; Jer 9:23,24, 1Cor 10:31
- E. Continual Prayer: Luke 18:1; Eph 6:18ff; Php 4:6ff; 1Tim 2:1-4; Jas 5:16-18
- F. Selfless Love: 1Jn 2:9ff; 3:14; 4:7ff
- G. Separation from the World: 1Cor 2:12; Jas 4:4ff; 1Jn 2:15-17; 5:5
- H. Spiritual Growth: Luke 8:15; Jn 15:1-6; Eph 4:12-16
- I. Obedient Living: Matt 7:21; Jn 15:14ff; Ro 16:26; 1Pe 1:2,22; 1Jn 2:3-5
- J. Hunger for God's Word: 1Pe 2:1-3
- K. Transformation of Life: 2Co 5:17

*If List I is true of a person and List II is false, there is cause to question the validity of one's profession of faith. Yet if List II is true, then the top list will be also.*

#### III. THE CONDUCT OF THE GOSPEL

- A. Proclaim it: Matt 4:23
- B. Defend it: Jude 3
- C. Demonstrate it: Php 1:27
- D. Share it: Php 1:5
- E. Suffer for it: 2Ti 1:8
- F. Don't hinder it: 1Co 9:12
- G. Be not ashamed: Ro 1:16
- H. Preach it: 1Co 9:16
- I. Be empowered: 1Th 1:5
- J. Guard it: Gal 1:6-8

