



SIGNS OF LIFE

THE BOOK OF 1 JOHN



How do I know if I really am a Christian?

Most of us will experience a moment of doubt in our lives in which we question our faith in Jesus. Am I really a Christian? How would I know? What are the characteristics of a true believer?

The **Apostle John** was the closest friend of Jesus during his life on earth. This was a man who knew firsthand what it meant to follow Christ. He writes to the earliest Christians for four reasons: that his joy may be complete (1:4); so that the church would not sin (2:1); to expose the false teachers (2:26); and so that followers of Jesus would know they have eternal life (5:13).

This last reason is the heart of the letter.

False teachers were wreaking havoc in the church. On the one hand they caused true followers of Jesus to question their standing with God. On the other hand, they gave a false assurance of salvation to those who did not know Christ. First John was written so the spiritually afflicted might be comforted, and the spiritually comfortable might be afflicted.

Signs of Life is a teaching series on the book of 1 John, presented at Wildwood Church September through Decemeber 2018. This recap includes the key points of the series, including the **7 Characteristics of Christ Followers**.

Watch or listen to the series online at wildwoodtlh.com/signsoflife or our Wildwood Church TLH mobile app.

We also recommend you view the [Read Scripture video summary](#) of 1-3 John from the **Bible Project**.

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Followers of Jesus walk in the light.

**They embrace God's Word as truth
and live an exposed life.**

*"Do I acknowledge the truthfulness of the Bible
and live openly under its authority?"*

2

Followers of Jesus confess their sins.

They have a lifestyle of repentance.

"Do I confess my sins before God and others?"

3

Followers of Jesus keep His commandments.

They desire and attempt to put into practice
what God has commanded.

*"Do I have an increasing desire to obey and do I take
the initiative to obey what I know about God?"*

4

Followers of Jesus love their brothers and sisters.

They do what is best for the family of God.

*"Do I have an increasing and maturing
love for God's people?"*

5

**Followers of Jesus have
sound doctrine and theology.**

They avoid major doctrinal error and heresy.

*"Do I want to grow in my knowledge of God
and am I attempting to do so?"*

6

Followers of Jesus practice righteousness.

**They hunger and thirst for righteous living
and have an increasing hatred of their sin.**

*"Do I love what God loves and hate what God hates
in my own life and practice?"*

7

Followers of Jesus have the Holy Spirit.

**They have been filled with the Spirit who guides,
teaches and empowers for all things necessary.**

"Do I see the fruit of the Spirit in my life?"

Weekly *Takeaways*

**Practical instructions for experiencing the
signs of life of a true follower of Jesus.**

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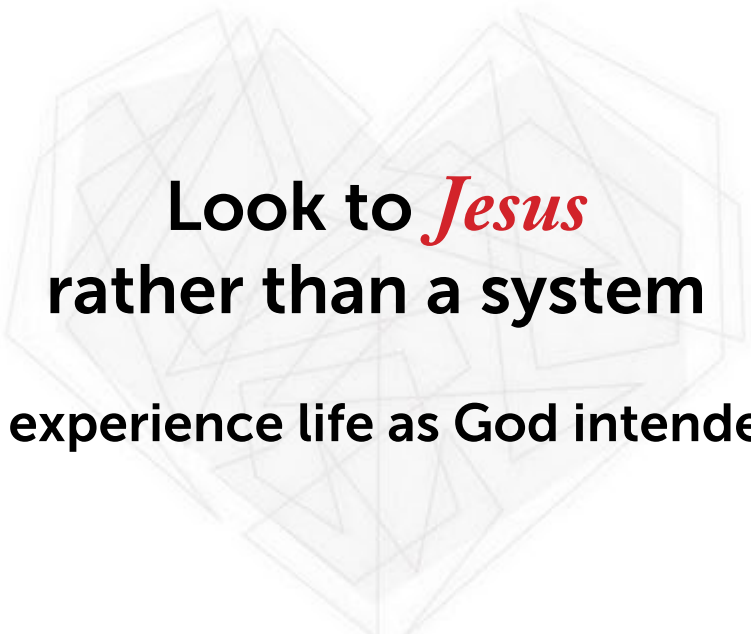


Look to *clarity*
rather than passion
to develop intimacy with God.

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["How Will I Know?"](#)
1, 2 and 3 John Overview

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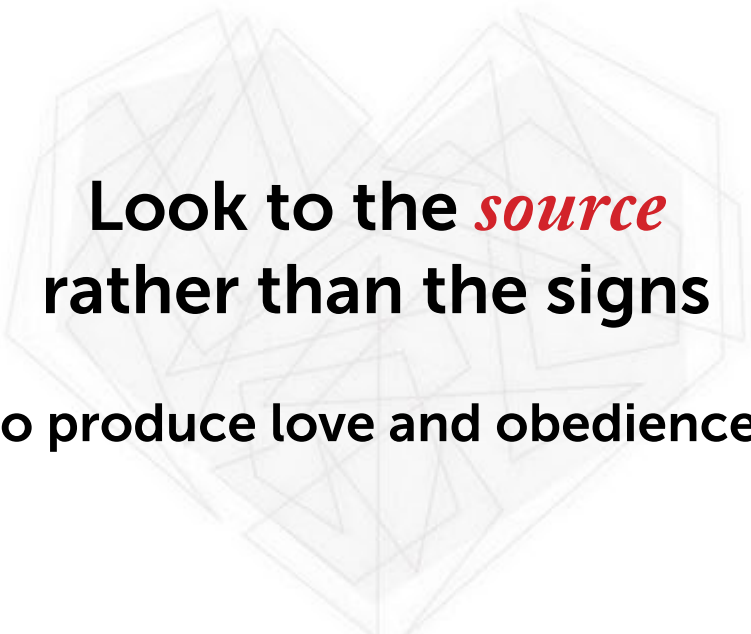
Look to *Jesus*
rather than a system
to experience life as God intended.

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["Where Will I Walk?"](#)

1 John 1:1-10

Our efforts are powerless.




Look to the *source*
rather than the signs
to produce love and obedience.

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["What Will I Seek?"](#)

1 John 2:1-11

Growing up is hard.




Look to the *means of grace*
rather than unique experiences
to develop spiritual maturity.

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[“Who or What Will I Love?”](#)

1 John 2:1-17

We all believe what we want to believe.




**Look to the *Word*
rather than the world
to know what to believe about God.**

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[“What Will I Believe?”](#)

1 John 2:18-27

Everyone is searching for hope and love.



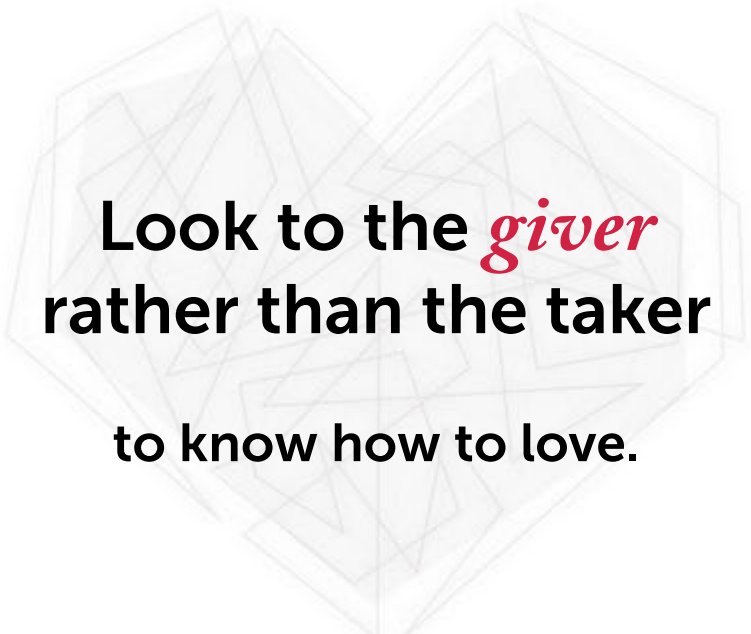
Look to the *Cross*
rather than anything else
to anchor your soul in God's love.

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["Where is My Hope?"](#)

1 JOHN 2:28 - 3:10

Most of us feel like failures when it comes to love.



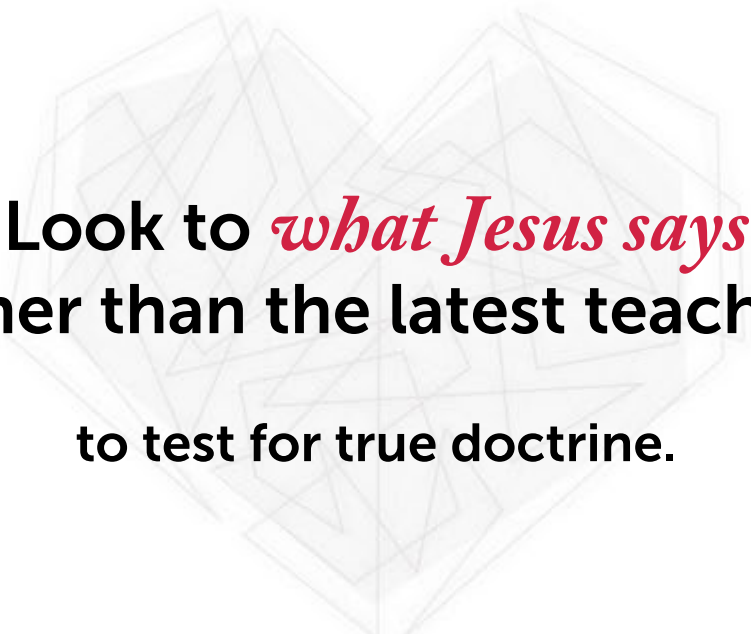
Look to the *giver*
rather than the taker
to know how to love.

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["How Do I Love?"](#)

1 John 3:11-24

Many people make claims about Jesus.



Look to *what Jesus says*
rather than the latest teaching
to test for true doctrine.

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["How Do I Know?"](#)

1 John 4:1-6

We all struggle to sustain love for one another.



Look to the *Spirit in you*
rather than your own strength
to generate love for others.

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["How Can I Love?"](#)
1 John 4:7-21

Our natural inclination is to rely on ourselves.



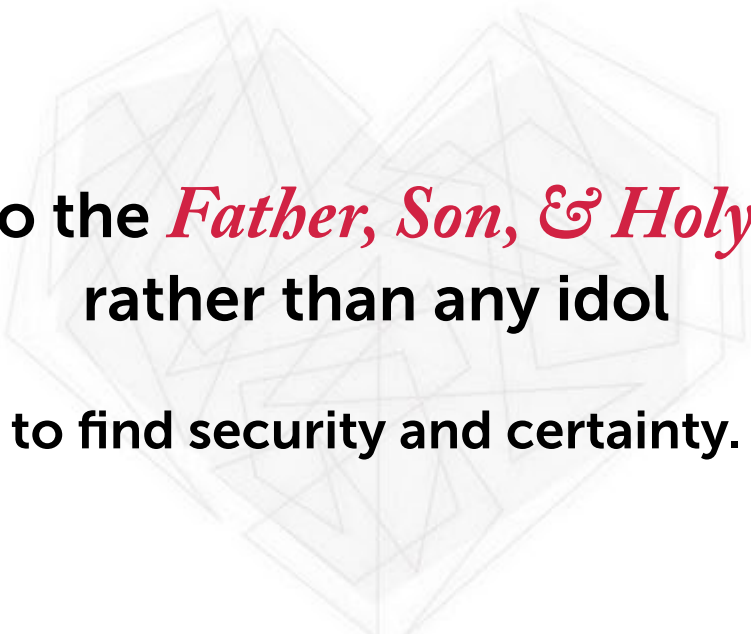
Trust in *Jesus*
rather than your own goodness
to gain assurance of eternal life.

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["Who Do I Trust"](#)

1 John 5:1-12

Most of us struggle with life's uncertainties.



Look to the *Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*
rather than any idol
to find security and certainty.

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["What Will I Ask?"](#)

1 John 5:13-21

**“I have no greater joy than to hear that
my children are walking in the truth.”**

3 JOHN 1:4



**Our greatest *joy*
reveals what we value most.**

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[“Signs of Life Recap”](#)



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