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Scripture Reading: Psalm 35

**More Tests to Determine Whether One is Truly in Christ**  
**1 John 2:2-11**

- 1) Do you accept that Christ is the Savior of all who believe? (2:2)
- 2) Do you perpetually keep Christ's commands? (2:3-4)
  - a) Trusting in Him (3:23a)
  - b) Loving the brothers in Christ (3:23b)
- 3) Do you love God's word, reading it to be perfected by it? (2:5)
  - a) Are you governed by yourself?
  - b) Does life happen to you, or do you happen to life?
  - c) Are you always offended, down, hurt?
  - d) True believers aren't dictated by life; they dictate their lives
- 4) Do you study Jesus in order to learn to live as He lived? (2:6)
- 5) Do you love your fellow Christians? (2:9-11)
  - a) Hating other believers exposes you as an unbeliever
  - b) Without love, you stumble and cause others to stumble
  - c) Without love, you seek worldly cures to spiritual problems
  - d) We love and forgive others, moving forward not backward
  - e) We can be perfectly orthodox but unregenerate
- 6) Conclusion: The true Christian
  - a) Blinders removed (2 Cor 4:4); old passed away; all things new (2 Cor 5:17)
  - b) Delivered from power of darkness, translated into Christ's kingdom (Col 1:13)
  - c) Called out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)