

Do You Have Genuine Saving Faith?

Romans 3:22a

Introduction: *The subjectivity of genuine saving faith.*

Unique to the third question.

Critical to genuine security. **Matthew 7:13–14, 21–22**

Old School Faith.

“The faith of Paul and Luther was revolutionizing thing. It upset the whole life of the individual and made him into another person all together. It laid hold of the life and brought it into obedience to Christ. It took up its cross and followed long after Jesus with no intention on of going back. It said goodbye to old friends. It had a finality about it. It snapped shut on a man’s heart like a trap, it captured the man and made him from that happy moment forward a happy love-servant of his Lord.”

Perpetual concern.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

Prerequisites to saving faith.

Knowledge of the truth.

Believe the truth.

Embrace the truth.

Trust the truth.

Treasure the truth.

Entrust one’s life to the truth.

Standards of Genuine Saving Faith

1. Guilt of sin that results in repentance from sin.

John 16:8–11; Luke 5:1–9

Acts 24:25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, “Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you.”

Psalm 51:1–4, 10–13, 15–17

Psalm 32:1–5, 8–9

1 John 5:13; 1 John 3:1–10

Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Do You Have Genuine Saving Faith?

Romans 3:22a

2. *Communion with God.*

Love of God. **Psalm 42:1; 63:1**

Prayer to God.

Luke 18: Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing;

Reading God's word. **1 Peter 2:1-3**

Living for God.

John 3:30; Philippians 1:21

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Psalm 115:1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.

Longing to see God.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

3. *Growing affection for fellow Christians.*

John 13:34; 15:12

1 John 3:14-17; 4:7-12

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; **2** and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

4. *Growing rejection of worldliness.*

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 2:15-17

5. *Rejected by the world.* **1 John 3:13**

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. **19** "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

Conclusion: Are you a new creature in Christ?