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Mark 8:34-38, Luke 3:8-9, (Matthew 10:37)

Title: Marks of A True Believer

**Introduction:** Some people doubt whether it is possible to know for sure that one is saved. The Bible tells us of someone who knew for sure: Paul. "And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day." 2Timothy 1:11-12 NIV

"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". 1 John 5:13 ESV

#### MARKS OF A TRUE BELIEVER:

1. A Spiritual Conversion.  
1 John 5:13 tells us that the true believer is a person who "believes" that Jesus is the Christ. What then is belief? Is it merely a mental acknowledgment?
2. Baptism.  
"Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 NIV
3. A Fervent Prayer Life. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
4. A Perfect and Supreme Love for God and Jesus Christ.  
"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'" Matthew 22:37 NLT
5. A Burning Passion for Soul Winning. Matthew 28:19
6. We must Live Differently (bear fruit).  
In Luke 3:8, John the Baptist warns that true believers must "bear fruits worthy of repentance."

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham". Luke 3:8 NIV.