

Sermon Notes
January 15, 2017
1 John 1:5-10

Dualism: existence of 2 things that can't both be true at the same time

John 3:18 NLT

18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

How do you know you're saved?

1. By your actions

Matthew 7:16 NLT

16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Matthew 3:10 ESV

10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Psalms 119:105 ESV

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

2 things to look for in your life:

- a. progressive growth
- b. desire to grow

John 14:15 ESV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

How do you know you're saved?

2. By your relationships

John 13:35 ESV

35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Matthew 5:23-24 ESV

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 18:35 ESV

35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

How do you know you're saved?

3. By your attitude

Romans 3:23 ESV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

We are not sinners because we sin

We sin because we are sinners

Romans 5:12 ESV

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

If there is a God who should speak to me, I would most want to hear him say three words, 'You are forgiven.'

Woody Allen

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 8:1 ESV

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Condemnation: Because of what I did I'm a bad person and therefore I hide from God

Guilt: What I did was bad and therefore I run to God for cleansing