Seven Marks of True Salvation

Ice Breaker Question: Why do you think understanding salvation is so important to believers?

- Great! I think that salvation is so very important. Without knowing and being grounded in what we think about salvation, we have no foundation to our witness, we cannot help others, it inhibits our growth, and it is just a basic to faith!

- I want us to take a little test that will help reveal to us some things about salvation.

- On a scale of 1-5 rate yourself:
  1: never true 2: rarely true 3: sometimes true 4: usually true 5: always true:

  1. I have an awareness and brokenness over my sin.
  2. I have a hunger for God’s word.
  3. I have a desire for living the Christian life.
  4. I have seen an increasing in Satan testing my faith.
  5. I have love for others.
  6. I have a desire to share Christ with others.
  7. I have experienced social pressure or ridicule from non-believing family, friends, classmates, co-workers, etc.

These questions are "Seven evidences of Salvation." We will always be growing in these areas. We will NEVER reach a point where we perfectly do all of these things. However, these 7 are indications that we are believers and actively pursuing God. Let’s look at why these are evidences of salvation.

1. Brokenness over sin.
   - 1 John 1:6 “If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.” 1 John 1:8-10 “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”

2. Hunger for God’s Word.
   - 1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

3. Christian Life:
   - 2 Corinthians 5:17 “…Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 1 John 2:4 “The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

4. Testing:
   - 2 Timothy 3:12 “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,”
5. Love for others:
  - 1 John 4:7-23. "7Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from
God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Whoever
does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9This is how God
showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that
we might live through him. 10This is love: not that we loved God, but that he
loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Dear friends,
since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever
seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made
complete in us. 13We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has
given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent
his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is
the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. 16And so we know and rely on
the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and
God in him. 17In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have
confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.
18There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to
do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19We love
because he first loved us. 20If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother,
he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen,
cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21And he has given us this command:
Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

6. Desire to Share:
  - Mark 8:28 "38If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and
sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in
his Father’s glory with the holy angels." Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

7. Social Pressure:
  - John 15:18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.” John
17:14 “I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they
are not of the world any more than I am of the world.” 1 John3:13 “Do not be
surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.”