

**IT'S REAL—11**  
**“It’s REAL Because it has Vital SIGNS”**  
1 John 5:1-13

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Introduction. \_\_\_\_\_

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**I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW ONE OF THE VITAL SIGNS OF LIFE IS THE CHANGED WALK (1 John 5:1-5).**

- A. First, this changed walk involves a personal relationship (5:1).
- B. Secondly, this changed walk includes a profound rearrangement (5:2-5).
1. First, there will be a dedication to love the saints (5:1b-2a).
  2. Secondly, there will be a devotion to live out the Sripture (5:2b-3).
  3. Thirdly, there will be desire to leave that which is sinful (5:4-5).

**II. SECONDLY, NOTE ANOTHER VITAL SIGN OF LIFE IS A CLEAR WITNESS (1 John 5:6-11).**

- A. First, there is the external witness of the Spirit (5:6-8).
1. First, there is the witness of the water (5:6a).
  2. Secondly, there is the witness of the blood (5:6b).
  3. Thirdly, there is the witness of the Spirit(5:6c).
- a. First, the witness of the Spirit is true (3:6c).

- b. Secondly, the witness of the Spirit is continuous (5:6c).
- c. Thirdly, the witness of the Spirit is personal (5:9).
- d. Fourthly, the witness of the Spirit is supreme.
- e. Fifthly, the witness of the Spirit is Christ-centered (John 16:13-14).

**B. Secondly, there is the internal witness of the Spirit (5:9-12).**

1. First, there was the witness of God (5:9).
  2. Secondly, there is the witness in man (5:10a).
  3. Thirdly, there is the witness of God’s Son (5:10-12).
- a. First, eternal life is a providential gift.
  - b. Secondly, it is a permanent gift.
  - c. Thirdly, it is a personal gift.
  - d. Fourthly, it is a precious gift.

**III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER ANOTHER VITAL SIGN OF LIFE IS THROUGH THE CLARIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:12-13).**

- A. First, notice the \_\_\_\_\_ for this sign (5:11a; 13a).

This leads to a question: Why do believers doubt their salvation?

1. First, because doubts have to do more with \_\_\_\_\_ emotions than with truth and doctrine.

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2. Secondly, doubts can come in times of \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.
3. Thirdly, doubts can come because of \_\_\_\_\_ sin (Psalm 51:12a; Romans 14:23).
4. Fourthly, doubts can come about through an \_\_\_\_\_ life.
5. Fifthly, doubts can come about through \_\_\_\_\_ claims of false teachers.
6. Sixthly, doubts can come about through \_\_\_\_\_ cultural influences.
7. Seventhly, doubts can come about through \_\_\_\_\_ propaganda and philosophies of this fallen spirit world (Colossians 2:8).

B. Secondly, note the \_\_\_\_\_ of this sign (5:13b).

C. Thirdly, consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of this sign (5:13c).

**CONCLUSION:** Our identity with Christ has been grounded deep on solid ground with three vital SIGNS:

1. **First, we believers are \_\_\_\_\_ with a changed walk (5:1-5).**
2. **Secondly, we believers are \_\_\_\_\_ by a clear witness (5:6-11).**
3. **Thirdly, we believers are \_\_\_\_\_ by the clarified Word (5:13).**