

“EVER BEEN IN GOD’S MATERNITY WARD?”

1 JOHN 5:1-5

As sure as there are signs of human life, there are signs of spiritual life. You can know a tree by its fruit. This principle is developed in the Bible with regard to our spiritual lives as Christians. Others can tell whether or not you are a Christian based upon the fruit from your life. What are some of the clear evidences of being a Christian? The Apostle John gives us some of these today!

SIGNS OF THE NEW BIRTH

① _____ (5:1a)

The object of your belief must be Jesus Christ for all other ground of belief is sinking sand.

Are you walking by faith or, are you walking by sight? Only one will ultimately carry you through and only one is a sure sign of the new birth, for whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God!

② _____ (5:1b-2a)

A. Godward

B. Manward

This ingredient keeps us superglued together! Its absence leaves us scattered, segregated and divided!

③ _____ (5:2b-3)

Without question, this is the essence of the Christian life for His Word is to be carried out – without *question*.

Does this action best describe you as a servant of the Master, a citizen of the Kingdom, a child in the family? Or, have you too often sat on the sidelines and let everybody else get involved in the game? His pleasure in this local body called the church is dependent upon your whole-hearted, committed investment of obedience!

④ _____ (5:4-5)

It is not secured by what you ultimately do but by what your Lord has already done on the cross! Yes, you are to be obedient. But without first His obedience on the cross, your obedience drops into the dunghill of nothingness and unimportance.

Jesus won the _____ over the world on the cross (John 16:33). God in you preserves that _____ now (1 John 4:4)!

CONCLUSION

These are four sure signs of the new birth. Indeed, you can know a tree by its fruit and according to God’s Word, you can know the sure signs of salvation. May you evaluate and examine your life this morning to see whether or not they are ever-present

Ever been in God’s maternity ward? If you have never through faith trusted in Christ, you have never been born again and you have never been in God’s maternity ward. It is sheer foolishness to put off such a decision of destiny!