



#1 The Lord Knows Those Who Are His

II Timothy 2:19

APOSTLE PAUL'S INSTRUCTION TO YOUNG PASTOR TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 2:15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."*

- 1. God Has Always Had A People To Call His Own**
A Chosen People... a Holy People... a Beloved People... a Redeemed People... a Peculiar People... a Zealous People
- 2. Sadly, Some People Are Not In God's Family**
- 3. The Redeemed People Of God Are Actually Doubly His—"Twice-Owned"**
- 4. God Really Does KNOW Those Who Are His... He Is In Relationship With Each One!**

THE TEST: Birthmarks of a True Christian

1. DIFFERENCE: Something is different about you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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2. APPETITE: You have a hunger for spiritual nourishment.
(1 Peter 2:2-3) Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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3. OBEDIENCE: You're saying "Yes" to God more and sinning less.
(1 John 2:3-4) We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

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4. OWNING UP: You regularly admit it when you do sin.
(1 John 1:8-9) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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5. COMPASSION FOR OTHERS: It's not just "me first" anymore. Your heart is expanding and you find that you genuinely care about the welfare of other people, especially other believers.
(1 John 3:14) We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

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6. DISCIPLINE: God chastises you when you need it.
(Hebrews 12:6, 8) ... the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son ...

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7. CONFIRMATION: You have an inner assurance that you are saved.
(Romans 8:16) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children

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