

HFG Questions for
“The Ultimate Examination” –Pt. III
(2 Cor. 13:5 & 1 John)

1. Is it Biblical to examine our claim to salvation? What passage would you take a person to if they thought it is **not** Biblical?

2. TEST #7: Do you love other believers? (1 John 3:10)

Why do you think this is one of the tests of our salvation? Why is it so important to the Lord that His children love each other, and what Scripture can you go to to support your answer? How are some practical ways we can love each other as a Body?

3. TEST #8: Do you experience answered prayer? (1 John 3:22)

If God loves to answer prayer, why do we not always get what we pray for? What does 1 John 5:14-15 tell us about when our prayers will be answered? Share some ways God has strengthened your faith by answering “yes” or “no” to your prayers.

4. TEST #9: Can you discern between spiritual truth and spiritual error? (1 John 4:1-6)

What are the 2 key elements to examine when trying to determine whether a teaching is Biblical? (see 1 John 4:2-3; 15 & 1 John 4:5-6) How are we supposed to “test the spirits”? (see Deut. 13:2-6; 1 Thess. 5:21)

5. TEST #10: Do you experience the ministry of the Holy Spirit? (1 John 4:13)

What roles does the Spirit play in the Believer’s life? (Hint: Pastor Cary mentioned 3.) How does your relationship to God’s Word reflect your relationship with God? Share some ways that you can strengthen that relationship if it is lacking in any way.

6. TEST #11: Have you suffered rejection because of your faith? (1 John 3:13)

Why should we not be surprised if we suffer rejection? (see John 15:18-29) What should we be careful that we are **not** being rejected for? What are some practical ways that you can return good for evil if, and when, you experience animosity or ridicule for Christ?

7. Conclusion:

If someone came to you unsure of their salvation do you know what you would say to them? Do you know the Scripture passages you could take them to? If you have passed these tests and are assured of your salvation, what should your response be? If you have **not** passed these tests, what should your response be?
