

OLDE TYME BAPTIST CHURCH

SIX EVIDENCES OF A SPIRITUAL DEPTH IN LIFE

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1. A GREATER AWARENESS OF SIN

- a. There will be a greater awareness of words, thoughts and actions which do not please the Lord. "...he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment". John 16:8
- b. Paul was very aware of the nature of sin and how spiritual growth makes you more aware of it. "For I know that in me....dwelleth no good thing." Romans 7:18 – 25.
- c. "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness". 1 John 5:19
- d. As we get closer to where the Lord wants us in our spiritual life, He will make known to us areas of our lives that He wants us to improve upon.

2. A GREATER HUNGER FOR GOD'S WORD

- a. Certain sections of the Bible will begin to stand out to you with new meaning and understanding. "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food". Job 23:12
- b. "...thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart". Jer 15:16
- c. "But strong meat belongeth to them that...have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil". Heb 5:14
- d. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword...". Heb 4:12
- e. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word." 1 Peter 2:2

3. A REAL DESIRE FOR A CHANGED LIFE

- a. There will be a genuine desire for a changed life and a new delight in the direct commandments of the Lord. "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor 5:17

4. THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN TESTING

- a. There will be an immediate increase in personal testing, often from those closest to you who do not understand salvation or from other Christians who have lost their first love. "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you." Luke 6:22
- b. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2nd Tim 3:12

5. YOU WILL HAVE A SINCERE LOVE FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS

- a. There will be a real enjoyment in the fellowship of other Christians. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." 1 John 4: 7-13

6. FINALLY, YOU WILL HAVE A BURNING DESIRE TO SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS

- a. One of the first signs of a genuine born again Christian is that he will want to share his experience with others. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...." Ps 107:1-2
- b. "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you..." 1 Peter 3:15