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Spirit
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The Witness of the
Acts 2, Luke 11

What is the most classic thing you own?

I. What is the Witness of the Spirit?

Romans 8:12-17 *So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

A. _____

I John 2:3 *By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.*

I John 2:29 *If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.*

I John 3:14 *We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.*

B. _____

On May 24, 1738, Wesley recounted his Aldersgate experience in his journal: *"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."*

I John 4:19 *We love, because He first loved us.*

Wesley writes this in his sermon, *"And first, as the witness of our spirit; the soul as intimately and evidently perceives when it loves, delights, and rejoices in God, as when it loves and delights in anything on earth... He that now loves God, that delights and rejoices in him with a humble joy, and holy delight, and an obedient love, is a child of God."* (p 96)

II. How can I know it is the Witness of the Spirit?

A. Signs of the Witness of the Spirit –

1. _____ -

Mark 1:14-15 *Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

Acts 2:38 *Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

2. _____ -

3. _____ -

B. What if I don't have Assurance?

Main Point: _____

I John 5:13 *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have I experienced that unconditional love of God?
2. What are the outer signs of assurance that I have experienced?
3. What are the inner signs of assurance that I have experience?



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