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The Test of True Salvation: Obedience Through Love!

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**I. The missing ingredients of genuine salvation.**

- a. Obedience
- b. Love
  - i. Obedience is essential to salvation.
  - ii. Love opens the door to godly obedience.
    - 1. *Obedience to God must be motivated from a heart that loves God.*
- c. The heart is the key!

**II. A call to obey God. (Matthew 22:35-40)**

- a. Because He is Holy.
- b. Because He is love.
  - i. John 3:16-17
  - ii. Romans 5:8
  - iii. Ephesians 2:4
  - iv. 2 Thessalonians 2:16
  - v. 1 John 4:10
  - vi. Revelation 1:5

**III. How does the command to obey, reflect itself in the life of the believer?**

- a. Through self-denial. (Luke 9:23)
- b. Deny →
  - i. Examples of denial of self...
    - 1. When someone hurts you. (Matt 5:38-47)

**IV. What happens if I don't obey and nothing happens?**

- a. Sons of Reuben & Sons of Gad (Numbers 32:1-23)
- b. King Saul (1 Samuel 15:1-9)
- c. Hebrew people. (Zechariah 7:8-14)
- d. Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
- e. Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

**V. What happens when we do obey?**

- a. God blesses us!