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## Ten tests to discern, Christian, that you know God loves you...

- 1. A loss of the sense that God is against you
- 2. A loss of the fear of God, while a sense of awe remains
- 3. A sense that God is for you and God loves you
- 4. A sense of sins forgiven
- 5. A sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to God
- 6. An increasing hatred of sin
- 7. A desire to live a holy life that pleases Him because of what He's done
- 8. A desire to know Him better and draw closer to Him
- 9. A regret that your love to Him is so poor and a desire to love Him more
- 10. A delight in hearing these things and hearing about Him