

Questions Concerning Spiritual Growth

Do you know
yourself?



2 Corinthians 13:5



“Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”



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**“EXAMINE YOURSELVES AS TO
WHETHER YOU ARE IN THE FAITH.”**

Self-Examination



- A command only you can obey
- How do we properly examine the evidence?
 - Faithfulness is determined by God, not by how others judge us – 1 Cor. 4:1-5; 5:3-5; Matt. 18:15ff.
 - Paul didn't trust his own judgment – Acts 26:9
- The only infallible standard is God's word – Heb. 4:12

Purpose:

Are you in the faith?



- Being in the faith is how...
 - We will be presented holy before God – Col. 1:21-23
 - We will obtain a crown of life – 2 Tim. 4:7-8
- Examination is needed to resist Satan desire to dislodge us from the faith!
 - Materialism – 1 Tim. 6:10
 - Complacency – 1 Tim. 5:8; Heb. 10:23-27
 - Doctrine – 1 Tim. 4:1; Eph. 4:4-5; 2 Tim. 2:15



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KNOW YOURSELVES, THAT JESUS
CHRIST IS IN YOU?”**

Test Yourselves



- Used of testing a metal by subjecting it to fire.
- We must determine the strength of our faith by the tests it has faced in the fires of life.
 - What kind of person are you at work, school, etc.? – Mt. 10:32-33
 - Do you seek to do good for others? – Phil. 2:3-4
 - Do worldly things regularly take precedence over worship to God, Bible classes, and other spiritual activities? – Matt. 6:31-33
 - Do you endure affliction, disappointment, etc., with faith in Christ and without complaining or bitterness? – Phil. 2:14-16

Do you know yourselves, that Christ In You?



- You can know this by...
 - Examining your salvation – Gal. 3:26-27
 - Bearing spiritual fruit – John 15:5
 - Whether you are abiding in the doctrine of Christ
 - 2 John 9
 - Whether self has been crucified for the will of Christ – Gal. 2:20

HOW SERIOUS IS THIS?



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DISQUALIFIED”**