

Do You Know Yourself

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

Why So Important?



- Context:
 - Paul was going to deal with their sin when he visited – 13:1-2
 - This sin involved rejecting Paul’s apostleship, claiming he was too weak – 13:3-4; 2 Cor. 10:10
 - They were missing that strength is often found in what is perceived as weakness
- It is with this truth in mind that they were to examine themselves to see if they were in Christ – 1 Cor. 2:4-5

Examine Yourself



- Examine means to put ourselves on trial to discover who we are!
- Requires a proper standard
 - Not determined by what others think or even what we think – 1 Cor. 4:3-4
 - God’s view revealed in His word is what matters – Heb. 4:12



Are You “In The Faith”?

- This is a very significant question!
 - Keeping the faith means a crown of life – 1 Tim. 4:7-8
 - One can stray/depart from the faith – 1 Tim. 6:10; 4:1
- How can we be sure we are “in the faith”?
 - Attendance? – Heb. 10:24-27
 - Biblically moral lives? – 1 Jn. 3:2-3, 7-8
 - Good works? – Titus 3:8, 14
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Test Yourselves



- Accomplished with difficulty
- “Test” is used of the extreme heating process to purify metals!
- We determine the strength of our faith by testing it in the “heat” of life.
 - One way we can know the true worth of something is by using it.
 - The strength and practical value of our faith is learned in how it affects our life...how it stands up to the heat.

“Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?”



- This was Paul’s answer to those who questioned his apostleship.
- How can we know?
 - Not just by outwards acts of allegiance. These can be done without the “Christ in me” allegiance.
 - There is a inward side of our Christianity that we must know – Jer. 9:24; Gal. 2:20; Mt. 15:8-9