

# **EXAMINE YOURSELF**

**2 Corinthians 13:5-14**



How do you react if someone questions your integrity, or character . . .



<sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**--2 Corinthians 3**



<sup>21</sup> To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death .—**2 Corinthians 11**

<sup>5</sup> **Examine yourselves**, to see whether you are in the faith. **Test yourselves**. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!--**2 Corinthians 13**



<sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.—**Romans 7**



<sup>27</sup> To them **God chose to make known** how great among the Gentiles are the riches of **the glory of this mystery**, which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory**.--Colossians 1:27



<sup>6</sup>I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.

**--2 Corinthians 13**



Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you?<sup>2</sup> You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, **written on our hearts**, to be known and read by all. <sup>3</sup> And you **show that you are a letter from Christ** delivered by us, **written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God**, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts--**2 Corinthians 3:1–3**.

<sup>7</sup> But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. <sup>8</sup> For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

**--2Corinthians 13**



<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.-- **Ephesians 1**

<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may **grant** you to be **strengthened** with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.—**Ephesians 3**

**9 For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. --2 Corinthians 13**



**13:10** <sup>10</sup> For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.—**2 Corinthians 13**



<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**--2 Corinthians 13**

## Examine Your Sanctification/Dedication

Are you dedicated to Him?

Is all you have dedicated to Him?

Your Conduct

How Is Your Home Life?

How Is Your Social Life?

How do others view the way you live out your faith?

Do people see it in your actions and character?

**Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!**

- 1. Is Jesus' death and resurrection essential for our salvation.**
- 2. By what standard are we to examine ourselves?**
- 3. With what attitudes toward God's Word are we to examine ourselves?**
- 4. What are some ways in which we are to apply God's Word to ourselves?**