



1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Philippians 3:12-21; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Examine Yourself - 10 Months of Growing (2 Corinthians 13:5)

- Are you growing in your RELATIONSHIP with God? Do you “know” God? (John 17:2-3)
- Are you growing WITH your brothers and sisters? (Ephesians 4:16)
- Are you growing in your knowledge of God’s grace and our Lord Jesus Christ? (2 Peter 3:17-18)
- Are you in FELLOWSHIP with your brothers and sisters? (1 John 5:1-2; Acts 2:42-46)
- Are you PRAYING in accordance with God’s will? Are you praying for your brethren? Are you praying with your brethren? Do you know the concerns, needs, struggles of your brethren? (1 John 5:14-15; Acts 2:42-46; Romans 12:12; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2, 12; 1 Thess 5:17)
- Is your love COLD or abounding more and more for your brethren? (1 Thess 1:3; 3:12; 4:9-10; 2 Thess 1:3 in contrast Matthew 24:12)

ABC’s of Being A Christian (Hebrews 5:12-14)

Do You Know the God of the Bible?

- (John 17:2-3) Eternal life is knowing God. Eternal life is being in a genuine, real, intimate relationship with God.
- (Jeremiah 9:3; 4:22; Romans 1:28) My people do not know Me!

Do You Know Your Enemy? (1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:19; Matt 24:4,5,11,24)

Do You Know YOURSELF?

- Why are you who you are? (Psalm 139:15-16; Jeremiah 1:5)
- Why were you born when you were born? (Psalm 139:15-16; Acts 17:26)

- Why were you born where you were born? (Psalm 139:15-16; Acts 17:26)
- Are you an independent person depended on no one? (Acts 17:24-25; James 4:13-16; Proverbs 19:21; Hebrews 6:3)
- Are you a free person, free to do as you please when you please? (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 6:6, 16, 17, 20; Hebrews 2:15)
- Is your life your life or do you belong to someone else?
 - Either you are child of God or a child of the devil. (1 John 3:4-10)
 - If you are born-again, you are not your own, you were bought with a price - the blood of Christ. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Do you determine your life or is your life determined for you?
 - God is sovereign over your life. (Jer 10:23; Proverbs 20:24; Acts 17:28)
- Why are some men/women so evil? (Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3)
- Why is there evil in me?
- Who holds your destiny? (Dan 5:23; Rom 8:29-30; Eph 1:3-4; James 4:13-16)
- What happens when you die? (Hebrews 9:27)

Adam, the First Man, Sinned (Genesis 3)

- When the first man, our representative, sinned we all sinned because we were in Adam. (Romans 5:12)
- The results:
 - ✗ Our minds were DARKENED.
 - ✗ Our affections/emotions were TWISTED.
 - ✗ Our will became in BONDAGE to sin, the world, and Satan.
 - ✗ We DIED spiritual to God.
 - ✗ We became UNABLE to do anything to save ourselves.

The Second Man, Jesus Christ

- God sent a SECOND MAN to be the Representative, Head of HIS people - that man was Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:45-47; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5)
- Christ came to save HIS people from their SINS. (John 10:27-29; 6:35-40; 17:6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 24; Acts 4:12)
- And He finished the WORK that God sent Him to do. (4:34; 17:4; 19:30)

What Does A Born-Again Man Look Like? (From previous three sermons)

- (2 Corinthians 5:17) ALL those who are IN CHRIST are NEW CREATURES! **By God's GRACE and by His GRACE alone!** (Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 15:9)
- (2 Peter 1:3-4) At REBIRTH man becomes a "partaker of the divine nature."
- (Romans 6:1-22) One dies to sin and becomes a SLAVE of righteousness and GOD. Christ has set us FREE from the PENALTY, POLLUTION, PLEASURE and POWER of sin. (Hebrews 9:12; Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 11:25; Psalm 119:104; 2 Peter 1:4; Rom6:14; 8:1-4; 1 Corinthians 10:13;

John 8:36) And one day we will free from the PRESENCE of sin!
(Revelation 21:4; 22:3; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:42-48)

★ Christ sets us free to OBEY, SERVE and PLEASE the Creator - as we were originally created for! (1 Thess 1:9; Colossians 1:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:9; Hebrews 12:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 John 3:22)

- (1 John 2:29-3:10) One now lives a life of RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- (1 Peter 1:13-19) One now pursues HOLINESS. (Hebrews 12:14)
- (1 John 3:3) One now continually PURIFIES themselves just as Christ is pure. (2 Corinthians 7:1)
- (1 John 1:6-7) They walk in the LIGHT as HE is in the light.
- (2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10) They *continually* examine themselves.
- (1 John 1:8-10) They sin but they *continually* confess their sins. They hate sin.
- (Act 17:30; Mark 1:14-15) They *continually* REPENT and FORSAKE their sins. (Proverbs 28:13) They live according to the written Word of God. (Luke 4:4)
- (Hebrews 12:14; 1 Timothy 6:11) They PURSUE holiness, godliness, love, patience, gentleness, righteousness. (2 Timothy 2:22)
- (1 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 5:14) They EXERCISE themselves in godliness.
- (Luke 9:23; 14:26-33) CHRIST IS THEIR LIFE.

Those Born of God RUN (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- The Christian life is a DIFFICULT life. (Matthew 7:13-14; Acts 14:22; John 15:18-20; 16:33) BUT His grace is sufficient! (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- The Christian has many ENEMIES - Satan, the World and even the sin that is still within them. (1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:10-20; 1 John 2:15-17)
- A child of God PERSEVERES to the END. (Colossians 1:22-23; Hebrews 3:6, 14; Matthew 24:13; Mark 13:13)
- A child of God WORKS. (James 2:14-26; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
- A child of God RUNS with the horses. (Jeremiah 12:5)
- A child of God RUNS the RACE set before him/her. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
 - He/she lays aside every weight that slows them down.
 - He/she forsakes the sin that so easily entangles them.
 - They run with endurance - THE RACE.
- A child of God KEEPS PRESSING forward toward the goal. (Philipp 3:12-14)
- A child of God RUNS to WIN the RACE. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
- A child of God gives His ALL to God. (Luke 14:26-33 cf. Zephaniah 1:12)
- A child of God runs ALL his/her life! (Psalm 92:12-14; 71:18; Proverbs 4:18; Jeremiah 17:8)
- A child of God RUNS with others! (Ephesians 4:14-16; Romans 12:4-5)

ARE YOU RUNNING or SITTING ON A SOFA?
ARE YOU ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT CHRIST HAS DONE IT ALL AND
THEREFORE YOU DO NOT HAVE DO ANYTHING?

What Happens When You Die? (Hebrews 9:27)

- "It is **APPOINTED** for men to die once, but after this the judgment."
- ALL men will be judged according to their WORKS! (Romans 2:5-10; James 2:14-26; John 5:28-29)
- We are SAVED by the WORKS of Christ's perfect life and His death on the Cross. We are SAVED by GRACE and by GRACE alone. **BUT** that GRACE produces GOOD WORKS in us as EVIDENCE that we are truly saved. (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14; James 2:14-26; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
- **THOSE WHO ARE BORN AGAIN** die unto the words, "Well done good and faithful servant, . . . enter the joy of Lord." (Matthew 25:21, 23)
 - ★ (1 Corinthians 2:9) Their reward is . . .
 - ① An inheritance as adopted children of God! (1 Peter 1:4-5; 1 John 3:1-10)
 - We are heirs of God, **co**heirs of Christ. (Rom 8:16-17; John 17:22)
 - ② A city built by God. (Hebrews 11:13-16; 13:13-14)
 - ③ A mansion prepared by our Bridegroom, Lord, Saviour. (John 14:1-6)
 - ④ A feast/banquet. (Luke 12:37; Revelation 19:7, 9)
 - ⑤ No more curse. (Revelation 22:3)
 - ⑥ No more pain, tears, death, etc. (Revelation 21:3-5)
 - ⑦ No more sin/temptation. (Revelation 21:8, 27; Isaiah 35:8)
 - ⑧ A seat on Christ's throne. (Revelation 3:21)
 - ⑨ New glorified bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Philip 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2)
 - ⑩ GOD HIMSELF. (Psalm 73:25-26; 42:1; 63:1-3; Philippians 1:21-24)
- **THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT and RELIGIOUS** die unto the words, "Depart from Me you workers of evil." (Matthew 7:21-23)
 - ★ Their reward is will be. . .
 - ① Outer darkness. (Matthew 25:30)
 - ② A place of weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:41-42; 25:30)
 - ③ A lake of everlasting fire burning with brimstone. (Revelation 20:15)
 - ④ A place prepared by God for Satan and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)
 - ⑤ Everlasting destruction from the presence of God. (2 Thess 1:7-9)

What Must We Do?

- ① **EXAMINE** yourself! (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- ② **PRAY** "God, be merciful to me the sinner". (Luke 18:13)
- ③ **REPENT and FORSAKE** your sins. (Acts 17:31; Proverbs 28:13; Mark 1:14-15)
- ④ **BELIEVE** the Gospel for the kingdom of God is near! (Mark 1:14-15)
IT IS APPOINTED FOR ALL MEN TO DIE AND THEN JUDGMENT!