



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. (Philip 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!