

Examine Yourself

Introduction:

- A. In preparing for an important exam, wise students will test themselves.
- B. Paul calls for Christians to test themselves. - 2 Corinthians 13:5
- C. Are you ready for the judgment?

I. Background

- A. You can know how you stand. - 1 John 5:13; Ephesians 5:17; text
- B. There is an objective standard. - John 12:48
 - 1. pass
 - a. “in the faith” - Galatians 1:11-12,23; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 John 9
 - b. “Jesus Christ is in you” - Colossians 1:27
 - (1) faith - Ephesians 3:17
 - (2) obedience - 1 John 3:24
 - (3) life - Galatians 2:20
- C. Cheating is futile. - Hebrews 4:12-13

II. The Exam

- A. love - John 13:34-35; Matthew 5:43-48
- B. obedience - 1 John 2:3-6
- C. purity of life - 1 John 2:28-29

Conclusion:

- A. The Lord knows how you stand.
- B. He will be your judge. - John 5:22
- C. Are you ready for finals?