

Test Yourself

2 Corinthians 13:5-14 ESV

- 5 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!
- 6 I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.
- 7 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.
- 8 For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.
- 9 For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
- 13 All the saints greet you.
- 14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Why The Need For Testing The Authenticity of Your Faith?

Hebrews 6:4-9

4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, 6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. 8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation.

Marks of Authentic Faith

- Matthew 5:3-5: An Attitude of _____
- Matthew 5:20: A Love for Doing _____
- 1 John 5:1-4 _____
- Galatians 2:20: Joyfully Submitting to the _____
- 1 John 4:20-21: _____