



## Preparing for the

### Final Exam

2 Corinthians 13:5-10

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**The Big Idea:** Tests are a part of life. We take them to prove mastery of a subject, that we know the rules of the road, that we are worthy of the uniform, and so on. One day, we will stand before **the Lord** for our final exam. [Romans 14:12] The Bible says the way to prepare for that day is to engage in regular **self-examination**.

2 Corinthians 13:5-10 (ESV)

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

<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. <sup>9</sup> For **we are glad** when we are weak and you are strong. Your **restoration is what we pray for**. <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.

### HOW DO WE EXAMINE OURSELVES?

1. Ask if you believe the Essentials of the Faith.
  - That we are all **sinners**, without hope, except through Christ.
  - That our Triune God has done **all** that is necessary for our salvation – forgiveness and reconciliation to the Lord.

- God became flesh when the Son came to us.
- Jesus lived a **perfect** life of obedience and righteousness and He alone was **qualified** to be the sacrifice for our sin.
- Through the Crucifixion, all our sin was taken on by Jesus and the **penalty** for that sin was **paid** by Him.
- In the **Resurrection** of Jesus, God's power over Sin, Satan, and Death was powerfully and completely shown.

### 2. Answer this Question: Is Jesus Christ in you?

(Mark 1:15)

- Have you **repented** of your sin?
- Have you **trusted** Christ **alone** for your salvation?

### 3. Encouragement for Your Assurance [1 John 5:11-13]

- The witness of the **Holy Spirit** in your heart. (Romans 8:9, 16)
- The **love** for your spiritual brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:14)
- Hearing and heeding Jesus' **voice**. (John 10:27)
- Practicing **righteousness**? (1 John 2:29; 3:9)
- In Christ, you have overcome the world so that you are living a life of godly separation from the world. (1 John 5:4)
- The **restoration** of your life (2 Corinthians 13:9)
- Trust in the **promise** of Jesus. (John 10:28-30)

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"I believe in the eternal security of the believer and in the insecurity of the make-believer."

J. Vernon McGee

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