

## September 22nd – Examine Yourself

*“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless indeed you are disqualified.” (2 Cor. 13:5)*

Paul wrote these words to the church at Corinth. Isn't it interesting that he asked members of the church to "examine themselves?" That is, he was asking them to search their hearts to make sure that they were really Christians. Paul's instruction makes one thing very clear – it is entirely possible for lost people to talk like Christians, dress like Christians, and even attend church like Christians, while being unsaved and unreconciled to God.

Every one of us should search our hearts as well. Are we certain that Jesus Christ is the Lord of our life, or could it be that we are just playing church. One of the best indicators of being born again is assurance of salvation. I heard one man say it like this – "If you're 99% sure you're saved, you're 100% lost." If we have been born again by the grace of God, there will be no doubt in our minds that we belong to Jesus. The Apostle John said, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, *that you may know that you have eternal life*, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

Another indicator of one's salvation are the works of their life. Jesus once said, "You will know them by their fruits." In other words, a believer will act like a believer. That being the case, what are your actions saying about your soul? If you have examined yourself and you have no doubt that Jesus is the Lord of your life, then let the world know! "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).