

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5-14

Are You an Authentic Christian?

ARE YOU REALLY _____? YOUR _____ IS
WORTH EXAMINING IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF. (13:5-6)

NOTES

TABLE TALK: WHAT DO YOU THINK IS A FAIR EXAMINATION OF YOURSELF
THAT WILL HELP YOU DETERMINE IF YOU ARE IN THE FAITH OR NOT?

TRUSTING GOD WHEN HE SPEAKS _____ AND WHEN HE TELLS US HOW
TO _____ IS THE BEST WAY TO LIVE LIFE. (13:7-9)

NOTES

TABLE TALK: WHY IS LIVING BY BIBLICAL STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTION THE
BEST WAY TO LIVE LIFE? WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN GOD'S
INSTRUCTIONS BENEFIT YOUR LIFE?

AS WE COME TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH, OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE TO
_____ THAT HE CARES FOR US AND TO _____
TO WHAT IT REVEALS. (13:10-14)

NOTES

TABLE TALK: WHY IS THE TRUTH, EVEN WHEN IT IS
UNCOMFORTABLE, SOMETHING TO BE JOYFULLY RECEIVED? ARE
THERE ANY OF YOUR WAYS THAT NEED TO BE MENDED?

Paul made a simple request of the Corinthians: carefully look at your life and decide how it would answer the question "Am I in the faith?". This is a worthwhile exercise for anyone who claims to be Christian, especially in our time in which that word has lost so much of its meaning.

If you discover that your life does not meet the biblical definition, today is the day to change that. Release everything that holds a claim on your life, including your own claim, and allow Jesus to stake His claim on all of you. Entrust yourself to Him and all of His gracious gifts are yours.

If your life examination does reveal that you are indeed in the faith, then are you living in any way contrary to biblical truth? Now is the moment to address anything His truth is revealing to you. If you know the truth but have not been walking in the truth in an area, mend your ways. Bring your broken and tattered nets to the One who is restoring all things.