

Examine Yourself Whether You Be in the Faith, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Lord's Supper is sacred. (Luke 22:19-20)
- B. If no one partakes in the sacraments they may not be real Christians.
- C. The Bible never points to the past to validate one's faith.
- D. We are to prove ourselves--whether we are in the faith. (1 Corinthians 11:27, 2 Corinthians 13:5)
- E. There is a way to examine ourselves.
- F. Text: Matthew 5.

II. The key to knowing one belongs to God is righteousness.

- A. Righteousness is living by God's standard. (Hebrews 12:14, 2 Timothy 2:19, Titus 1:16)
- B. Profession means nothing unless there is obedience. (2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 John 1:9, John 3)
- C. If you are really saved, there will be holiness.

III. Only people who are broken and aware of their sin will receive salvation.

IV. The Christian must always continue. (John 8)

V. The standard is impossible--we do not have the resources on our own to be saved. (Matthew 19:23; 7:13)

VI. Many do not find out that they are on the wrong road until it is too late.

Application Questions:

1. Why might some have difficulty with a Christian's responsibility to examine him or herself?

2. Is present examination of oneself through past actions completely without worth? Defend your opinion.

3. How would you examine your faith based upon your present actions? How should you respond to your conclusion?
