

EXAMINE YOURSELVES!

Going to Heaven? --- How do you know? What makes you so sure?

Jesus said a lot about this:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” (*Matthew 7:21-23*)

“... to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. . .” “. . . without faith it is impossible to please God. . .” “. . . I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” “. . . seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. . .” (*John 1:12, Hebrews 11:6, Matthew 5:20, Matthew 6:33*)

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. . .” (*2 Corinthians 13:5*)

I’ve been in church every Sunday and Wednesday night since I was born.

Examine yourselves.

I read the *Bible* occasionally.

Examine yourselves.

I’ve listened to every sermon Billy Graham ever preached.

Examine yourselves.

My daddy was a deacon in First Church for 30 years and my mom was head of the ladies’ ministry.

Examine yourselves.

I was baptized – by immersion – when I was 10 years old.

Examine yourselves.

I’ve taught Sunday school – every grade from preschool to senior adults – for 45 years.

Examine yourselves.

I don’t like inviting people to my home – especially strangers!

Examine yourselves.

I don't have time to pray much.

Examine yourselves.

I've had perfect attendance in Sunday school for 50 years. I have all these pins to prove it!

Examine yourselves.

I don't go to church, but I watch Charles Stanley on the TV every Sunday.

Examine yourselves.

I tithe faithfully!

Examine yourselves.

I have ten different translations of the *Bible*.

Examine yourselves.

I visit people in the nursing home every week and I work in the Loaves and Fishes ministry.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you — unless, of course, you fail the test? (2 Corinthians 13:5)