

III. MOVING FORWARD WITH HOPE vv7-10

- A. God tests us to transform us . v7
- B. We are transformed by the Truth . vv8-9; John 8:31-32
- C. The goal of transformation is Christlike maturity . v10

Application (Moving Forward):

- ✓ Am I finding God's presence my ultimate satisfaction? Ps.16:11
- ✓ Do I have a deep taste for the honey of heaven? Ps.119:103
- ✓ Am I convinced that healthy Christian community is indispensable to spiritual flourishing? Gen.2:18; Acts 2:42-47

IV. STEPPING INTO THE NEW YEAR WITH BLESSING vv11-14

- 1) Rejoice – Joy is a sign of spiritual health.
- 2) Aim for Restoration – Pursue reconciliation. Repair broken relationships.
- 3) Comfort one another – Build people up, don't tear them down.
- 4) Live in Peace – Seek unity and forgiveness.
- 5) Receive the Trinitarian Blessing (Gifts): v14

- The grace of Jesus – forgiveness for your past (No Shame).
- The love of the Father – security in your present (No Fear).
- The fellowship of the Spirit – power for the future (No Despair).

Growing Notes

Looking Back: What part of 2025 do you need to bring into the light before God? Where did you experience a narrowing of the Gospel gap this last year (less disparity between belief and behavior)?

Examining Yourself: What does it practically look like to “test yourselves”? Which of the three spiritual examination questions hit you the hardest and why?

Moving Forward: What is one area God wants to mature in you next year? Who will you invite to walk with you for accountability? What spiritual discipline will you prioritize in the coming year?

Living the Blessing: How can you walk in grace, love, and fellowship more deeply this year? Pray and receive the Trinitarian Blessing.



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Dec.27/28
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God is > My Highs/Lows TEST YOURSELF (2Cor.13:1-14)

Ray Davis

NEW SERIES Fully Devoted: A 5-G Life in Christ

Next week's sermon – The GENUINE Christian: Walking With God (Fellowship)
1 John 1:3-7

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
 - >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
 - >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*



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As the year ends, we tend to ask the same question: "How did my year go?" Evaluating my highs and lows. Scripture invites us to ask a deeper question; How did my faith grow?" Evaluating my relationship with Christ and others.

Paul doesn't tell the Corinthians to review their circumstances—he tells them to review their hearts: "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves." (2 Cor. 13:5)

Big Idea: Year-end reflection is not about guilt; it's about growth. God invites us to look back with honesty and move forward with hope.

I. LOOKING BACK WITH HONESTY (vv1-4)

A. God calls us to face what we often avoid. vv1-2; Heb.3:12-13

B. Christ's Cross (Weakness/ love) and Resurrection (Power/ truth) are the model for accountability. vv3-4; Eph.4:15, 25

Application (Looking Back):

- ✓ Is the Gospel gap narrowing in my life? 2Cor.6:1; Phil.2:12-13
- ✓ Would those closest to me affirm my transformation?
- ✓ Do I welcome loving accountability? Heb.10:24-25

II. EXAMINE YOURSELVES – A SPIRITUAL YEAR-END TEST

vv5-6

A. This Is a command, Not a Suggestion.

B. The Test Is not About Religious Activity.

C. The Test Is This: Is Christ in You ?

Application (Examining Yourself):

- ✓ Is Christ truly at the center of my life? Col.1:27; Gal.2:20
- ✓ Am I producing fruit? Gal.5:22-23
- ✓ Is my faith active or passive? James 2:17, 26
(New Year Series: Fully Devoted: A 5-G Life in Christ!)