

Expectations

Ephesians 3:20-21

Pass or Fail?

2 Corinthians 13

A. Paul's Evaluation [proof] - dokimazo [1-4]

B. Examination [5-6]

1. Examine [peirazo] - putting yourself on trial [5a]
2. Test [dokimazo] - inner proof [5b-6]
 - Is your personal relationship with Jesus authentic?
 - Have there been any significant changes in your life since you've experienced and embraced Jesus?
 - Do you consistently experience the Holy Spirit's presence, comfort, guidance, peace, and joy?

C. Evidence - driven by dokimazo [7-10]

- Is there any evidence that proves that your relationship with Jesus has transformed your life?
- Has there been a change in what you think about the most: your habits, goals, priorities, relationships, and perspective of the world around you and who you used to be?

D. Expression - driven by epigonosko [11-13]

- Do you recognize the work of the Spirit in your life? Do others recognize this?
- Is there growth in your walk with God in knowledge, confidence, and peace?
- Are you producing the fruit of the Spirit? [Gal 5:22-23]

The question in this outline contain for Chuck Swindoll's Commentary on II Corinthians

2 Corinthians 13:1-4 This is the third time I am coming to you. [II Corinthians 12:14] Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [Deuteronomy 19:15, Numbers 35:30] ² I warned [II Corinthians 10:2] those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, [II Corinthians 12:21] that if I come again I will not spare them — [2 Corinthians 13:10, 1 Corinthians 4:21] ³ since you seek proof [dokimazo] that Christ is speaking in me. [Matthew 10:20, 1 Corinthians 5:4] He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. [II Corinthians 10:4] ⁴ For he was crucified in weakness, [Philippians 2:7-8, 1 Peter 3:18] but lives by the power of God. [Romans 1:4, 6:4] For we also are weak in him, [II Corinthians 12:10] but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God. [Romans 6:8]

2 Corinthians 13:5-10 Examine [peraizo] yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test [dokimazo] yourselves. [1 Corinthians 11:28, Galatians 6:4] Or do you not realize [epiginóskó] this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? [Romans 8:10, Galatians 4:19]—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! ⁶ I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. ⁷ But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. ⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. ⁹ For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. [1 Corinthians 4:10, 12, 12:5, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10] Your restoration is what we pray for. [Ephesians 4:12, 1 Thessalonians 3:10, 2 Corinthians 13:11] ¹⁰ For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come [2 Corinthians 2:3] I may not have to be severe in my use [Titus 1:13] of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. [2 Corinthians 10:8]

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 ¹¹ Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, [made complete] comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; [Mark 9:50] and the God of love and peace will be with you. [Romans 15:33] ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. [Romans 16:16] ¹³ All the saints greet you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ [Romans 16:20] and the love of God [Jude 1:21] and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. [Philippians 2:1]

Study Questions/Prayer

- [1] Read 2 Corinthians 13:1-4. Have you ever had anyone question your relationship with God? How did you respond? Why?
- [2] Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-10. Do you have a friend who keeps you accountable for the lack of evidence in your walk with God? What have you learned from them?
- [3] Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-14. Paul's last few sentences give some commands to this church with so much potential, that struggled with rebellion and disrespect for leaders. What relational challenges did he give them in these verses?
- [4] Pray thanking God for the clarity of His expectations of us in scripture as we walk through life with the power of the Holy Spirit giving us direction to pass the test, and his grace that is sufficient for all things.