

Final Warnings, Final Exhortations

2 CORINTHIANS 13:1-10

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The Main Point: Paul urges the Corinthians to give proof of the Christ that is *in* them by demonstrating the holiness required *of* them.

The Reckoning

- Two or three witnesses—formal charges, not general rebukes.
- The grace is this (second) warning
 - Will not be “spared?”
- “proof” of Christ’s power (Gr. dokimēn)
- Christ | crucified in weakness, living by power
- Paul | weak in Christ, dealing with living power

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Examine Yourself

- Examine, “approve”/“prove” yourselves (Gr. dokimazete)
 - In the faith *Paul* has proclaimed
- A rhetorical question, an unrealistic (in this case) hypothetical
 - “unless you are unapproved” (Gr. adokimoi)
 - “Remember who is in you, and think and live in light of Him,” not “Develop a Christian self-evaluation checklist analyzing all of your sins and make sure you can pass your assessment, or you probably aren’t a Christian.”
- “...that we are not “unapproved” (Gr. adokimoi)

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- A prayer for right conduct
 - But not so that Paul will appear to be “approved” (Gr. dokimoi), and even if he appears to be “unapproved” (Gr. adokimoi)
- Captive to the truth of Christ
- The Corinthians... strong?
 - A prayer for restoration
- Sharp *warnings* to avoid sharp *dealings*

Examining Ourselves

- Living in light of living power
 - We seek God where he has revealed himself
 - We stay attuned to evidence of God’s working that gives shape to his presence

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- Living in light of living power
 - We seek God where he has revealed himself
 - We stay attuned to evidence of God's working that gives shape to his presence
 - We maintain vibrant connection to the body and family of Christ
 - We seek to live in righteousness

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