

January 2, 2022
2 Corinthians 13:5

A NEW YEAR'S EXAMINATION

I. Introduction:

How many of you have an annual Physical Examination?
How about a Spiritual Examination?

II. A Spiritual Examination:

“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

A. An Examination In Relationship To Christ

Question: What place do you desire Christ to have in your life as we begin the New Year?

Question: What place did Christ have in your life in 2021?

The Bible Teaches That Christ Should Have First Priority

[15] “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16] For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **[17] He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.** [18] And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. [19] For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,” Colossians 1:15-19

B. An Examination In Relationship To God's Word

"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures **every day** to see if what Paul said was true." Acts 17:11

How is your relationship to God's Word?

C An Examination In Relationship To Transformation (Becoming More Like Christ)

[1] Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

[2] Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

III. Conclusion and Application:

- Spiritually, how will 2022 be different from 2021?
- What areas would you like to grow to be more like Christ in 2022?

**Happy New Year!!
God's Best To You In 2022**