

Am I in the Faith?

The Apostle Paul challenged the Corinthians to “*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith.*” (2 Cor. 13:5) It is a profound question that each Christian should ask themselves periodically, taking a personal self-assessment of their spiritual condition. What does it mean to be “in the faith”? Review the following passages for a brief overview on the subject:

- Christians should be exhorted to continue in the faith. (Acts 14:21-23)
- When growth is present, churches are strengthened in the faith. (Acts 16:4-5)
- Not every member is strong but some are weak in the faith. (Romans 14:1)
- Christians will be watchful, steadfast, brave and strong in the faith. (1 Cor. 16:13)
- One must not be moved away, but remain grounded in the faith. (Col. 1:23)
- One who receives Christ as Lord, will be established in the faith. (Col. 2:6-7)
- Deacons who serve well, develop a great boldness in the faith. (1 Tim. 3:13)
- False teachers should be warned, so to remain sound in the faith. (Titus 1:13)
- Brotherly love should always be shared by those in the faith. (Titus 3:15)
- Satan can be resisted by those who are steadfast in the faith. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Successful Christianity is not defined by man’s view of greatness, but by humble service to the Lord which is constantly practiced. To remain “*in the faith*”, I must practice the faith. God has provided His saving grace, through Christ, accessed by faith. (Eph. 2:1-10) As a reaction to this wonderful gift, the Christian will gladly participate in all things which are found “*in the faith*”. Living for the Lord is not easy, yes, sometimes it’s downright hard. But with God’s help, the encouragement of Christ, and the strength of the Spirit, we can endure. “*Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.*” (1 Peter 1:8–9)

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