

Sufficiency IN CHRIST

Genuine Faith
Message 10

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► Outline

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(2 Corinthians 12:19-21)

B. Elements of genuine faith...

(2 Corinthians 13:1-10)

1. Exposure of _____.

**(2 Corinthians 13:1-4. C/R: Psalm 32:5; Proverbs 28:13;
Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18)**

2. Examination of _____.

**(2 Corinthians 13:5-6. C/R: Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46;
John 14:23-24)**

- **Is the Holy Spirit _____ within me?**
(Romans 8:9,16)

- **Do I _____ God and other believers?**
(1 John 3:14; 5:2-3)

- **Do I _____ righteousness?**
(1 John 2:29; 3:9)

3. Effort to _____.

**(2 Corinthians 13:7-10. C/R: Ephesians 4:11-15;
Colossians 1:9-10; 2 Peter 1:3-8,17-18)**

Answers: 1. sin 2. faith, living, love, pursue 3. mature

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What Christmas traditions are most meaningful to you?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14](#).

1. How and why did Paul defend his authority to the Corinthian church ([vs. 12:11-15](#))?
2. Describe a time you spoke truth to someone but still showed patience and gentleness ([vs. 12:11-15](#)).
3. Is there a time you hesitated to confront someone about sin in their life? How did you handle it? How did they respond?
4. What are ways you could treat others as you would your own children ([vs. 12:14-15](#))?
5. What specific sins did Paul see in the Corinthian church ([vs. 12:20-21](#))? How have you seen those in your life?
6. How did Paul follow Jesus' example of weakness ([vs. 13:3-4](#))? In what way did this give Paul strength and power?
7. What does it look like to be alive in Christ and have His power ([vs. 13:3-4](#))?

8. Has anyone ever confronted you about sin in your life? What impact did that have on your relationship with them? How did it impact your relationship with God?
9. Can you think of someone who refuses Godly correction? Pray and ask God what role He wants you to have in their life.
10. Paul told the Corinthians to examine themselves. What does Paul say is proof of genuine faith ([vs. 13:5](#))?
11. What proof is there in your life that you live with genuine faith?
12. Pause and ask God how He wants you to respond to this week's lesson.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Meditate on [2 Corinthians 13:11-14](#) throughout the week, making note of words and phrases that stand out to you. Spend time praying each day that God would refresh your love for Him and others.

Memory Verse

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

[2 Corinthians 13:5 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Psalm 32:1-5](#)

Day 4: [1 John 3:9-14](#)

Day 2: [John 14:23-24](#)

Day 5: [2 Peter 1:3-8](#)

Day 3: [Romans 8:5-9](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 28, we'll begin a new series titled *The Names of Christmas*. To prepare, read [Isaiah 9:2-7](#) and [Mark 6:35-44](#).



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