



FOUNTAIN OF HOSANNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

BIBLE STUDY SERIES: "CHECK IT"

Tuesday, 04 June 2019

Key Scripture – 2 Corinthians 13:5

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? NIV

Introduction

A system that is designed without feedback is bound to be a failure. One of the best assessments is self-evaluation. Your spirit man will give you the right judgement about your comings and goings - 1 John 3:21. Once again, we shall lay ourselves bare before God's operating room by the Holy Spirit for a thorough check-up by His Words. We shall find remedies for any loose joints and make cutting away of some parts, where necessary, as we prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Why Should You Check It?

Let's consider a few reasons to check ourselves in the Lord. Check it because of -

1. The Danger of Open Success and Secret failure

A CKD (completely knocked down) engine started days before. Applauses and cheering of men are not bad but can overtake the need for a spiritual check-up. **[You will be exploited by the world if in your exploit for God, you do not explore the Word]** Samson never prayed to God, no check-up, in all his twenty years as a judge until he was captured, caged and crushed. Samson assumed God's presence and took it for granted – Judges 14:6, 19; 15:14; 16:18. **Romans 11:29** *For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.* NLT. He was present before God but without God's presence – Judges 16:20b cf. Jeremiah 6:27-30. Recall Paul's counsel to Christians in 1 Corinthians 9:27 and Jesus' style of a check-up – in Mark 6:46 and Luke 6:12.

2. The Danger of Spiritual Slumbering (Inactivity)

No one knows when he sleeps. A docile (easy to control and not violent) Christian has the tendency to slumber and fall deeply asleep - 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. Be among the five wise virgins – Matthew 25:9-10; stay awake – verse 13. Pick up the little remains that are about to die – **Revelation 3:2. [Why are you not excited about your service to God again?]** Revelation 2:4-5. Are you engaging the ungodly among God's people? Jude 4

3. The Danger of the End of the Age - 2 Timothy 4:1-5

At a time like this, evil will be everywhere and may be termed as 'good' or 'normal' – 2 Timothy 3:1. If at this stage of the Last Days you cannot stand, how will you cope when the battle gets so hot – Jeremiah 12:5 and Matthew 24:22, 24-25. **1 Corinthians 10:11**



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Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. NKJV.

4. The Pending Account Reconciliation

Romans 14:12-13 ¹² Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. ¹³ So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall. NLT. All spiritual benefits and grace given to you have their pending reconciliations. They were given to profit (benefit) all – 1 Corinthians 12:7. Our consciences are readily enough to check us – 1 John 3:21.

You are a pilgrim on earth. Your pilgrimage is set to complete the process of award of the prize to the rest saints – Hebrews 11:39-40. **[Will Jesus be proud of your account?]**

Psalms 119:19-20 ¹⁹ I am but a pilgrim here on earth: how I need a map-and your commands are my chart and guide. ²⁰ I long for your instructions more than I can tell. TLB cf. Hebrews 11:13.

5. The Unknown Hour – Matthew 24:44

The consciousness of the unknown hour of Jesus' return is enough to keep us in check every time – 1 John 3:3. Jesus will surely appear in the skies one day; the age of grace will end and the era of judgement will start – 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3; Matthew 24:36-39. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3,7-12. **2 Corinthians 5:11** *Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; NKJV [The Husbandman, Gardner, Vinedresser is Coming (Olori Oko nbo!)]*

Note that **all** secrets shall be exposed – Luke 12:2-3. **Romans 2:16** - *The day will surely come when at God's command Jesus Christ will judge the secret lives of everyone, their inmost thoughts and motives; this is all part of God's great plan, which I proclaim. TLB.* Check it if your secret sins are hidden or exposed – 1 Timothy 5:24-25.

We will not always have the time to check it. Let us make the best of this time now that is the day because the night comes when no man shall be able to work or check anything.

John 9:4 *All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent Me, for there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end. TLB*

Next Week

This study continues next week, and we shall be answering the question "Where Did I Miss It?". Prepare, pray and participate. Check it. Let us pray.