

# Examine Yourself

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- **# 1 Are we in the faith?**
  - Someone says I must be because, "I'm good."
    - What about Cornelius? (Acts 10:1-6)
  - Someone says I must be because, "I believe."
    - What about the Jews who would not confess Him? (Jno. 12:42)
  - Someone says I must be because, "I've been baptized."
    - What about those at Ephesus? (Acts 19:1-5)

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- Who are those in the faith?
  - **Acts 2:37-39; 41**
    - <sup>37</sup> ..., "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"
    - <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
    - <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."
    - <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

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- **# 2 Are we continuing in the faith?**
  - After they were baptized, those saved on Pentecost
    - Continued in the Apostle's doctrine (Acts 2:42)
    - Worshiped (Acts 2:42)
    - Shared material things (When there was a need) (Acts 2:44-45)
    - Shared spiritual things (Acts 2:47)
    - Had fellowship with one another (Acts 2:46)

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- **# 3 Are we growing in the faith?**
  - The Hebrew writer rebuked the Hebrew Christians for not growing in the word (Heb. 5:11-14).
  - Peter gives us the secret of growth (1 Pet. 1:2-3).
  - Growth includes faithfulness (2 Peter 1:5-11).
  - Growth includes the right attitude (Phil. 2:1-5).

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- **# 4 Are we loving those in the faith?**
  - Some are not very loveable, but we must love as God loved (Rom. 5:8).
  - Love means that we work for their good (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

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- **# 5 Are we bringing others to the faith?**
  - We need to be like Andrew – he was always bringing someone to Jesus (Jno. 1:40-42; 6:8-9; 12:20-22)