DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF?

Ken Chapman · 2 Corinthians 13:5

INTRODUCTION

- That's what that mirror really is for, not to look there and admire yourself, to see what corrections need to be made.
- Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.
- If I'm not a real apostle, if I'm not a real preacher of the gospel, then what does that say about you?

1 Are You a New Testament Christian?

Acts 18:24–26; Acts 19:1–7; James 1

- That's the most basic and the most important question. Because nothing else matters if that's not answered and answered correctly by the Lord's standard.
- Don't take anybody else's word for it except the Lord's.
- So here was a man who thought he was right with God, but was wrong.
- There's a third category, and that's those who believe they're right with God. They believe they're in Christ. They believe they're a Christian, but they're wrong.
- It's possible to know. Because there is a such thing as absolute truth. And it's the word of God.

2 Are You Faithful? And Are You Growing?

Hebrews 5:11–6:1; Revelation 2:4

- It's possible to do all of those things right initially to get inside of Christ and then become a Christian, but then to fall away.
- Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles, the oracles of God.
- You're not where you ought to be. Turn around, look in the mirror. You need to be growing. Do better.
- Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you've left your first love.
- Still pray, read your Bible, yeah. But it's just not the same. When I stop, if I dare, and look in that mirror. Is that me?

3 Am I Loving? Am I Gracious? Am I Kind?

1 John 3:10–11; 1 John 3:18–19; 1 John 4:7–8

- We have made a grave mistake by separating doctrine from love.
- Love is a doctrine. Love is a foundational teaching of the Lord.
- You're not a faithful Christian without love and graciousness and kindness.
- My little children, let's not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- He who does not love does not know God. For God is love.

THE CHALLENGE

And so we ask you to look into that mirror of God's word this morning. And do not leave this building until honestly God's word can agree with your conscience that you're right with the Lord.

MY NOTES