

Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall (FV) Vernon Houts
 (O) Doug Pruett (A) Calvin Burks
 1st prayer Mike Mallet
 2nd prayer Kyle Stifflemire
 Announcements: Keith Stifflemire
 Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
 Mildred Lovell
 Janese Lancaster
 Ruby Jones
 Loyd Crownover
 Pray for our Nation
 Our Troops
 Law Enforcement
 Rescue Personal

Happy Birthday

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd
 Jack Wall August 20th
 Cindi Wall August 26th

Happy Anniversary

August 7th
Keith & Kathy Stifflemire

Dates to Remember

July 30th
 Noon Fellowship
August 6th
 Mission Sunday

July 29th Barbeque

Lynette Vann's House
 Bring food to go with
 Brisket & Ribs



6:00 pm
 So Mark Your
 Calendars and Come
 Enjoy The Fellowship
 Bring games.

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:
 9:30 am Bible Study
 10:20 am Worship
 12:30 pm Afternoon
 Wednesday Night
 7:pm

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Man's Duty To "Prove All Things"

by B. C. Goodpasture

Men are prone to go to extremes. This has always been true. Paul seems to have been guarding against this tendency when he wrote, "*Despise not prophesyings; prove all things; hold fast that which is good*" ([1 Thessalonians 5:20-21](#)). In his day, there were those who claimed to "prophesy" by the Spirit, and did; and there were those who claimed to "prophesy" by the Spirit and did not. The result was that, at least, some "despised" all "prophesyings" by reason of the false claims of the pretenders. Such a wholesale rejection of all "prophesyings" was unreasonable and unsafe. It was wrong. It is not right either to reject the true because some is false or to accept the false because some is true. Paul indicated the safe course: "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*" If there had been no evil mixed with the good, the admonition to "*prove all things*" and to "*hold fast that which is good*" would not have been necessary.

What is the meaning of the word "prove?" In this connection it cannot mean that the genuineness of "all things" is to be established, for the simple reason that the "all things" to be "proved" are not all genuine. It rather signifies to try, to put to the test. The word is employed elsewhere in the New Testament in this sense ([Luke 14:19](#)). It means that we should examine everything we hear before we receive it or reject it, as the case may be. At this point, Adam Clarke said, "Whatever ye hear in these 'prophesyings' or preachings, examine by the words of Christ, and by the doctrines which, from time to time, we have delivered unto you in our preaching and writings. Try the spirits — the different teachers — by the word of God."

In the words of the prophet, "*To the law and to the testimony! if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them*" ([Isaiah 8:20](#)). The conduct of the Bereans was in keeping with the spirit of the command under consideration, for we read, "*Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so*" ([Acts 17:11 ASV](#)). The people of Berea put what they heard to the test, using the scriptures as their standard of examination. They acted rightly and wisely. Why will people not do the same today? It is common for the message of a modern preacher to be accepted without thought, testing or investigation by those who are his friends religiously, and just as common for the same message to be rejected, without consideration, by his prejudiced religious enemies. These two unreasonable extremes are two of the most unmitigated curses of Christendom.

Let it be observed that this passage which *allows the right* also *enjoins the duty* of proving, testing, and investigating what is heard. It does not permit one to be an indifferent and passive listener. This some seem to prefer. They attend the services, not to be taught, not to bring into use any faculty of discernment or testing, but to be impressed, and that without effort on their part.

"*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world*" ([1 John 4:1 ASV](#)). All professed Christians should endeavor to become "*fullgrown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil*" ([Hebrews 5:14](#)).

When Christians Sin

By Ron Boatwright

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3,5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins. 1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible. 2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians. The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are not longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven. This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

Stop & Drop!

Christianity is much like an airplane: When you stop — you drop! When you stop praying, you go down. When you stop studying your Bible, you go down. When you stop attending, you go down. When you stop being involved, you go down. No wonder Paul wrote, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).