



**STRENGTH**

**IN**

**WEAKNESS**

A SERIES IN 2 CORINTHIANS

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## 1 Corinthians 9:2

If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you,  
for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.





## 2 Corinthians 3:2

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation...



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## 2 Corinthians 13:8

For we cannot do anything against the truth,  
but only for the truth.





## 2 Corinthians 13:9

For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong.  
Your restoration is what we pray for.



## 2 Corinthians 13:10

For this reason I write these things while I am away from you,  
that when I come I may not have to be severe  
in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me  
for building up and not for tearing down.



## 2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brothers, rejoice.

Aim for restoration, comfort one another,  
agree with one another, live in peace;  
and the God of love and peace will be with you.





## 2 Corinthians 13:12

Greet one another with a holy kiss.



## 2 Corinthians 13:13

All the saints greet you.



## 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.





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TEST

ARE YOU ASSURED OF SALVATION

# EXAMINE YOURSELF- IS CHRIST IN YOU?

2CORINTHIANS 13:5-14





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depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'



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## Titus 1:16

They **profess to know God**, but they **deny him by their works**.  
They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.





## 1 John 2:4

Whoever says “I know him”  
but does **not keep his commandments is a liar,**  
and the truth is not in him,



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## 2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to **confirm your calling and election**, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.





## 2 Peter 1:5–7

... **make every effort** to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.



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**NOT** "the more we walk with Him, the more we are saved"



1 John 5:13

I **write these things** to you  
who believe in the name of the Son of God,  
that **you may know that you have eternal life.**





1 John 2:29

If you know that he is righteous,  
you may be sure that everyone who **practices righteousness**  
has been born of him.



## 1 John 3:9

**No one born of God makes a practice of sinning,**  
for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning,  
because he has been born of God.



## 1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed out of death into life,  
because **we love the brothers.**  
Whoever does not love abides in death.





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