

# FINAL EXAM & FAREWELL

OPEN HEART | LIVING IN CHRIST WITH NOTHING TO HIDE

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## POWERFUL AMONG YOU

Verses 1-4 remind us of the power of Christ against human sin.

- God is patient with us, yet none of us knows when His patience will turn to discipline. For the Corinthians their time had come!
- **God's Grace has set us free FROM SIN. God's grace has not set us free TO SIN!**
- Repentance is one of God's greatest gifts for setting us free- free from sin, filled with joy.

Our Lord Jesus, "There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"

LUKE 15:7

## TEST YOURSELVES

Verses 5-10 remind us that it is appropriate and healthy to put our faith to the test.

- If we would spend more time examining our own faith and less time testing everyone else's,
- we would take correction (7),
- do what is right (7),
- and stand for the truth (8).

## EXAMINING OURSELVES

1. Do we the people of The Shoreline Church believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin and Lord?
2. Do we the people of The Shoreline Church live under the Word of God, receiving daily correction in righteousness?
3. Do we the people of The Shoreline Church believe that there is absolute truth in this world, and that our lives are measured by God's standard? Are we holding to it?

## FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Verses 11-14 remind us that God loves us.

- Our Triune God wants fellowship with us.
- Our Triune God wants us growing in love, joy, peace and toward maturity- away from sin.
- Our Triune God wants us living in godly affection.

# CONCLUSION

Our Triune God wants us living with an Open Heart toward God and others, and in His gospel of reconciliation. Let us take to heart who we are. **“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:20**