



What is a Christian? The Question: How Are You Doing Spiritually?
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“Many men live in the dark to themselves all their days; whatever else they know, they know not themselves. They know their outward estates, how rich they are, and the condition of their bodies as to health and sickness they are careful to examine; but as to their inward man, and their principles as to God and eternity, they know little or nothing of themselves. Indeed, few labor to grow wise in this matter, few study themselves as they ought, are acquainted with the evil of their own hearts as they ought; on which yet the whole course of their obedience, and consequently of their eternal condition, doth depend.”

John Owen

“As the congregation and its members heed this injunction to keep on admonishing and encouraging one another, they not only follow the example of the author but also imitate the pattern of God himself speaking to them. They may be confident, then, that he will use their encouraging and exhortatory ministry of his word to help their brothers and sisters avoid the perils of unbelief and disobedience.”

Peter O’Brien

“If God has put it in, he has put it in for wise reasons and for excellent purposes...It leads the believer to greater dependence on God, to a holy fear and caution, because he knows that if he were to fall away he could not be renewed, and he stands far away from that great gulf, because he knows that if he were to fall into it there would be no salvation for him.”

Charles Spurgeon

“The Scriptures assure us who believe that God secures all who are in Jesus Christ...But at the same time the Scriptures also admonish and warn us that we must persevere in obeying Jesus Christ or else die eternally...Are we caught in a hopeless contradiction? No! Our God who promises salvation to all who believe in Jesus Christ also uses means to secure his promise to save everyone who believes. God secures us in Christ by using admonitions and warnings framed in the same contingent or conditional form as the initial call of the gospel...God strengthens our faith both by assuring us that he will preserve us safely to the end and by warning us lest we perish by failing to persevere in steadfast loyalty to Jesus Christ.”

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