

The Plumbline

Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

Pe are called **not to be** ashamed of Jesus Christ. We are called to exalt the Name of Jesus, the One Who died on the Cross of Calvary for our sins – Who died in our place. Let us go forth in His boldness, in holy boldness, exalting Jesus Christ. As He was lifted up on the Cross, let us bow down and worship Him – not being ashamed of Him or any of the brethren in Christ Jesus who are faithful to the Lord in their lives. Let us proclaim the Name of Jesus in our lives – wherever we are.

Plumbline: II Timothy 1.8, 9ff

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Who hath saved us, and called *[us]* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began
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Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if *[there be any]* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Rom 10:17 So then faith *[cometh]* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Lifting up Jesus by a life of holiness and righteousness in the Lord, our hearts pure before the Lord, will bring persecution. No, not a martyr complex, a life laid down for Jesus for HIS glory does not bring glory to us. Satan and his followers hate those who daily die to self and lift up Jesus Christ.

When we lift up the Name of Jesus, we will not be ashamed of the Cross of Jesus Christ. We will speak forth His Name publicly and tell of His being lifted up on the Cross of Calvary for our sins. People have bumper stickers, wear ornaments they believe will speak for them; but many times their lives do not align with any of these “things” they display. No, I have not judged. The Bible says we are to be “fruit-pickers” (Mt 12.33).

It is time we take seriously what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us as He died on the Cross of Calvary for our sins that we might have life eternally with Him in heaven – if we repent of our sins and live a godly life, a life according to the Holy Word of God in Christ Jesus. We must be reading the Bible to know *The Way* of Jesus Christ. We need to spend time reading the Bible daily and in prayer seeking the Lord Jesus and His will.

The Word of the Lord, the Bible, will guide us into all truth, His truth; and it will strengthen us to have the courage to live for Jesus daily and to tell others of Jesus Christ. A life lived for Jesus is a daily walk with Him – at home, at work, in all things throughout the day and the night. We are servants of the Lord Jesus and must walk in obedience to Him telling others about Jesus Christ, about salvation, that they also shall come to know Him as **Lord** and Saviour. Time is short and Satan is working hard against those who love the Lord Jesus and are endeavoring to walk with Him in their daily lives.

The Bible says **we are not to be ashamed** of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – any place or any time.

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.