

# 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?

Oh that our hearts and minds were fixed upon the Lord Jesus Christ, the living Word, and the Holy Bible, the written Word. How I long to be with those of whom we read in Acts Two whose lives were stedfast in the Lord Jesus Christ. As we read in Acts Two, we see a people who longed for more and more of Jesus and moved as one in Christ Jesus in their hunger for more and more of Him (Acts 2.41-43).

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added [unto them] about three thousand souls.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

As we read more in the New Testament, we see a people whose love for the Lord was so steadfast that they willingly laid down their lives for Him Who died for them and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave.

### Plumbline: I Peter 5.8, 9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

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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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

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

What is it to be stedfast in the Lord Jesus Christ? Paul wrote it well for us to understand and to follow as the Lord Jesus Christ leads in I Corinthians 15:58.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

We see and experience the commission given to Christ's Holy Church being lived in one called Stephen, a deacon in the Primitive Church (Acts 6.8-15). Take time to read this passage with your heart. Sit with it and seek the Lord Jesus Christ.

### I See Jesus

Once a man named Stephen preached about the Lord.

Folks were saved and folks were healed as they heard his word.

Satan did not like it, soon he had his crowd.

And as he was tried, they heard Stephen cry aloud.

Chorus:

I see Jesus, standing at the Father's right hand.

I see Jesus, yonder in the Promised Land.

Work is over, now I'm coming to Thee.

I see Jesus standing, waiting for me.

As the stones fell on him, beating out his life,  
Stephen knew he'd soon be through with all toil and strife.  
So much like the Master, with a heart so true,  
He prayed, "Lord forgive for they know not what they do."

Through the gates of glory, down the streets of gold  
Marched a hero of the Lord. Into heaven's fold.  
When he met the Savior at the great white throne,  
I believe He smiled and said, "Stephen, welcome home."

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