

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?

Grace is a word misused, I fear. In fact we hear the term "cheap grace."

Webster's 1828 Dictionary's definition of *Grace* is "the free unmerited love and favor of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from Him" (Rom 11).

Today, you hear much about grace, but the worldly people are speaking of cheap grace. There is little understanding of the grace that is bestowed upon the true followers of Jesus Christ, the grace that is ours because of the Lord Jesus Christ Who freely gave His life a ransom for all who seek Him and give their lives to Him, to serve Him.

The followers of the Lord Jesus Christ know the grace of which the Apostle Paul writes to young Timothy, for the Lord is with us throughout our lives as we endeavor to live for Him Who died for us and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave. We are called to be strong in the grace in Christ Jesus, His love for us, His presence with us, guiding us to walk on in Him – for His glory, even in the midst of the fiery furnace – in our lives.

Plumbline: II Timothy 2.1

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

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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.

Powerful is the Word of the Lord as we receive more and more of the Word in our hearts that we might be strong in the Lord. It is sad that "getting saved," as some call it, is a mockery of just "come forward" and say some words. You got it, and can go on doing what you want. You got it made! God understands.

Let us look at the following passage that we might understand the Word of God in Christ Jesus, and the calling upon our lives (II Ti 2.2-4).

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of [*this*] life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

How long since you have heard this scripture verse as the basis of a sermon, to better understand the calling upon each of us who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? How long has it been since you sung or heard sung, "Onward Christian Soldiers"?

Reflecting upon II Tim 4.1-6, my heart is moved as the Apostle Paul, knowing his execution for loving and living for the Lord Jesus Christ, is upon him, charges young Timothy to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ, come what may.

I charge [*thee*] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away [*their*] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

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