

The Plumbline

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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?

If we are to be conformed to the Lord, we must "be not conformed to this world." There are those who *seemingly* walked with the Lord all through history, but when persecution and hard times came, turned to walk another way. John 17 reveals to us how the Lord prayed for His followers. Take time to read this chapter and hear His heart, His love, for His followers at that time and for those who would come to know Him because of the witness of those who knew Him at that time.

Oh, the Lord Jesus prayed for His followers; should we not pray one for another that we will remain faithful, and be not conformed to this world, but be transformed, that we might be strengthened in our walk with the Lord Jesus as we walk with Him, and are conformed to Him, His calling upon our lives to walk on with Him all the way – wherever He calls us and whatever He calls us to do for His glory?

Plumbline: Romans 12.2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

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.

"Be not conformed" cannot stand alone. We must know what or who it is of whom we are speaking when writing or saying, "Be not conformed. In like manner if we are speaking of being conformed to, we must also know what or who it is of whom we are speaking.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them [but] dung, that I may win Christ,

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, **being made conformable unto his death;**

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead (Phi 3.8-11).

We are specifically writing of Jesus Christ. It is to know His nature, His character, His work, His righteousness, and the salvation plan, His crucifixion – death, burial, and resurrection, all because of His love for us. To know Jesus Christ must be of the highest calling in our lives if we live for Him Who died for us.

Knowing is to experience Him, all that He has to offer us. It is not gleaning information, but it is to walk with Him daily. But there is more.

It is knowing the power of His resurrection, being humiliated, raised from the dead, and His glory that Isaiah and others experienced - that is beyond knowing in its fullest. This is a walk of faith, to know Him by faith, and all that He did for us.

There is more: "And the fellowship of His sufferings." Oh, how many have experienced this, those who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ to their death, being persecuted beyond our understanding at this point in life.

Are we willing to be made conformable unto His death? Are we willing to suffer for His sake, be "conformed to the likeness of His death?"

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