



# The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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## Self-Examination

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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We are happy to be coming your way with a short message from the word of God. I feel that the people of our day need the word of God and we need it very greatly. We should build our lives around it from day to day. Without it life doesn't have the meaning that it should. And yet with it we become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

In the 13th chapter of II Cor. and in verses 5 and 6 we find these words, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates." Now friends, there is a lot of religion in the world but there is only one true religion. Many folks have professions of Christianity but how few really know the depths of full salvation. So now I am going to talk about examination—self examination if you don't mind. You know it is a good thing to find out what you have, whether that be a financial investment or a spiritual asset. Some folks accept religion about like 'buying a pig in the poke'. Did you ever hear that expression, 'buying a pig in a poke'? I suppose that 'poke' in this case means a sack. Now, of course, if you were in Louisiana you might call it a 'tow-sack'. At least that is what we used to call it when we were boys at home. Then if you should happen to be one of those a little further north you might call it a 'gunnysack'. But at any rate whether it is a gunnysack, a tow-sack,

or a poke, this 'buying a pig in a poke' symbolizes to me that one would be buying something which they haven't seen and really they don't know what they are getting.

Now, let me ask you this question. Are you willing to trust your soul of such great value upon a mere profession only? Are you accepting hearsay or some theologian's statement and risking a thing so important as your eternal soul without really knowing that you are indeed a child of God and have been created in his image and likeness. Think about that for a moment. But listen once again at the scripture. It says to "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves". In other words, this is a commandment and it is absolutely necessary to do this if you would know where you are standing. Otherwise you might be a reprobate or an out-cast.

Now preceding this scripture in the 11th chapter of I Cor. beginning with verse 28 we find these words, "But let a man examine himself, and so let

