

Paul's Final Words to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 13:5-14

#1: Self-Examination (13:5-6)

⁵Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! ⁶I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.

#2: Ministerial Dedication (13:7-10)

⁷But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. ⁸For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. ⁹For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. ¹⁰For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

#3: Communal Exhortations (3:11-13)

¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you. ¹

#4: A Trinitarian Benediction (13:14)

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ²

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (2 Co 13:11–13). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

² [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (2 Co 13:14). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.