

GOD Commands HIS Children to Prove All Things Daily

Text: I Thessalonians 5:21 (KJV)

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

The statement "prove all things, hold fast to that which is good" is a direct quote from the biblical book of 1 Thessalonians 5:21, where the Apostle Paul instructs believers to **thoroughly examine teachings and doctrines, discerning truth from falsehood**, and then to faithfully adhere to what is proven to be good and God's will. The phrase encourages an active, critical approach to understanding spiritual messages by testing them against God's word and scriptural truth, rather than passively accepting everything without question.

Understanding the Command:

"Prove all things": This part of the verse calls for discernment and careful evaluation of all claims and teachings. Believers are not to blindly accept what they hear but are to test it by comparing it to the Holy Scriptures, the ultimate standard of truth. This is an encouragement to have a "ready mind" and to investigate, similar to the noble Bereans in Acts 17:11.

"Hold fast that which is good": Once something has been proven true and good through diligent examination, believers are then to embrace it firmly and resolutely. This means making it a part of one's life, holding on to it and practicing it in the face of opposition.

Understand the Context of the Command:

Spiritual Discernment: Paul's instruction comes in the context of not "quench[ing] the Spirit" or disrespecting "prophesyings" (prophetic messages). It is a call to have a discerning attitude toward those who claim to speak for God, recognizing that some messages may be true and valuable, while others may be false.

Practical Application: The command is both a spiritual and practical instruction for daily living. It means to reject teachings contrary to Christ's doctrine and to embrace and live out the teachings that align with God's Word.

What The Bible Says to Prove All Things:

1. God Has Given All Things (Written in the Bible) That Pertain to Life and Godliness
2. All of God's Will (His Instructions) Are Written in the Bible, Not in the Mind of Men
3. There is No Other Name God's Children Must Wear to Please Him
4. Is it Written in the Bible That...?

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Point #1: God Has Given All Things (Written in the Bible) That Pertain to Life and Godliness

II Peter 1:3 (KJV)

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Point #2: All of God's Will (His Instructions) Are Written in the Bible, Not in the Mind of Men

I Corinthians 14:37-38 (KJV)

³⁷ If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

³⁸ But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

EXAMPLE: GOD HAS GIVEN THE NAME HE WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO WEAR

Isaiah 62:2-3 (NAS)

² The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate. ³ You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, And a royal headband in the hand of your God.

What is the Name Written in the Bible?

Acts 11:26 (KJV)

And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called **Christians** first in Antioch.

Acts 26:28 (KJV)

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a **Christian**.

I Peter 4:16 (KJV)

Yet if any man suffer as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

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Point #3: There is No other Name God's Children Must Wear to Please Him

Acts 4:12 (NAS)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved."

Point #4: It is Written in the Bible That...?

- ✓ Peter was a Catholic?
- ✓ James was a Methodist?
- ✓ John was a Pentecostal?
- ✓ Philip was a Jehovah Witness?
- ✓ Matthew was a Morman?
- ✓ Thomas was a Baptist?

IS CHIRST DIVIDED?

I Corinthians 1:10-13 (NAS)

¹⁰ Now I urge you, brothers *and sisters*, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For I have been informed concerning you, my brothers *and sisters*, by Chloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you. ¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am with Paul," or "I *am* with Apollos," or "I *am* with Cephas," or "I *am* with Christ."
¹³ Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

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RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. **HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**
So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
2. **BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. **REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**
I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
4. **CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
5. **BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
6. **BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**
Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.